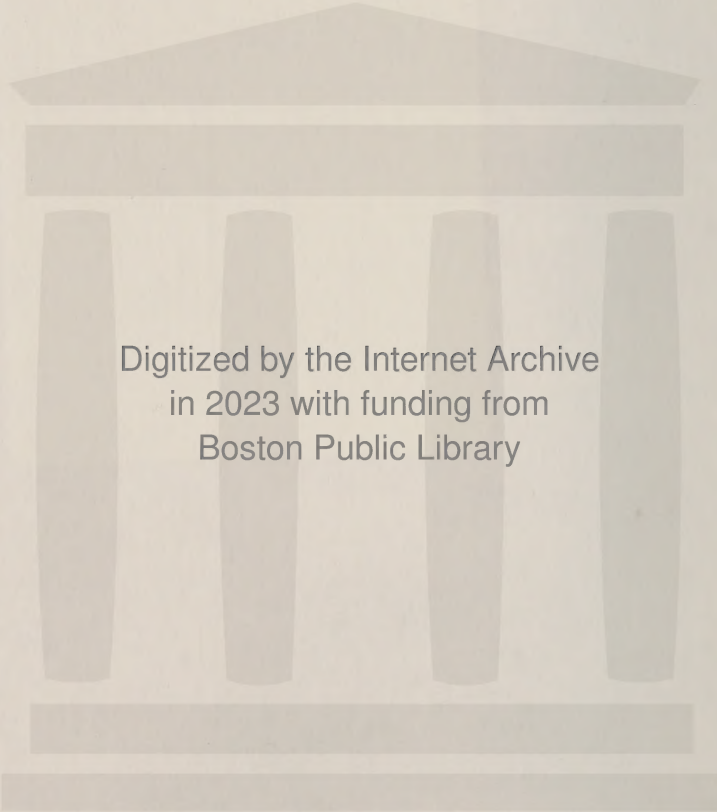




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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



**ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH EDITION
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FISCAL YEAR 1995**

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE

GENERAL OFFICE:

Town Hall	
78 Hopedale Street	
P.O. Box 7	
Selectmen	
Town Coordinator	
Town Accountant	
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	
Water/Sewer Department	634-2203
	634-2204
	634-2205
Board of Assessors	634-2201
Town Clerk	634-2211
Highway Department	634-2207
7 Depot Street	
Council on Aging	634-2208
Bancroft Library	634-2209
Police and Fire Departments	473-2323
	473-1050
	473-8444
Waste Water Treatment Plant	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Memorial School - 54 Adin St.	634-2214
Park Street School - 6 Park St.	634-2213
Junior/Senior High School - 25 Adin St.	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Hartford Avenue School - 138 Hartford Ave.	634-2222

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

U. S. SENATOR

Senator Edward M. Kennedy
315 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
JFK Federal Building, Room 409
Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3170

U. S. SENATOR

Senator John F. Kerry
421 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
10 Park Plaza, Room 3220
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 565-8519

U. S. CONGRESSMAN

Richard Neal
131 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5601

SENATOR IN MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Matthew Amorello
Room 213B
State House
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1485

REPRESENTATIVE IN MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Marie J. Parente
Room 167
State House
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-2692

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Term Expires

Blackstone Valley Vocational High School Committee	Everett Young	1996
Board of Health	Louis Costanza	1997
	Peter Mitchell (c)	1996
	Elizabeth Sales	1998
Board of Selectmen	Christine Burke	1996
	John DiPietropolo (c)	1998
	Alfred Sparling	1997
Housing Authority	Margaret Bishop	1998
	Paul Bresciani	1996
	Charles Germagian	2000
	Edward Malloy	1999
Park Commission	David Bliss	1997
	Richard Espanet	1998
	John Johnson, Jr. (c)	1996
Planning Board	Vacant	1998
	Harland Griffin	2000
	Brian Main	1996
	Steven Sinko	1998
	D. Craig Travers (c)	1997
Road Commissioners	John Farrar, Jr.	1996
	Merwin Noyes (c)	1997
	Eli Potty	1998
School Committee	Joseph Antonellis	1996
	Edward Burke	1998
	Leonard Garabedian (c)	1997
	Linda Luckcraft	1997
	Richard Martin	1998
Town Clerk	Barbara Kochon	1998

Term Expires

Town Moderator	(Vacant)	1997
Tree Warden	David Sawyer (by appointment)	1996
Trustees of the Library	Roger Edwards (c)	1996
	Frederick Oldfield, III	1998
	David Williams	1997
Water and Sewer Commission	J. Mark Ansart (c)	1996
	Daniel McGovern	1997
	Walter Swift	1998

TOWN OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator	Christopher Gaffney	1996
Animal Inspector	(Vacant)	
Associate Assessor	Russ Murray	
Bancroft Memorial Library, Director	Elaine Malloy	
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto (c)	1997
	Robert Carbone	1998
	Richard Volpe	1996
Board of Registrars	Jean Griffin (c)	1996
	Barbara Kochon	1998
	Mary Bliss	1998
	Dorothy Milanowski	1997
Building Commissioner	Michael Tusino	1995
Building Inspector	Michael Chaisson	1996
Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission	(Vacant)	
Chief Procurement Officer	Christopher Gaffney	
Conservation Commission	Robert Bird	1998
	John Farrar	1997
	Brian Koch	1997
	Walter Swift	1997
	Jennifer Weaver	1996
Constables	Victor Best	1996
	Todd Boldy	1996
	Eugene Costanza	1996
	James Gardner	1996
	Steven Sweet	1996

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Council on Aging	Daniel Breen	1998
	Mary Challela	1997
	Helen Crossman	1996
	Robert Hammond (c)	1998
	Jeanne McGuane	1998
	Joan Pease	1997
	Jacqueline Woodford	1997
	William Wright	1997
	(Vacant)	1997
Council on Aging, Director	Christina Holbert	
Council on Arts	Joanne Andreotti	1997
	Raymond Andreotti	1997
	Raymond Gaffney, Jr.	1998
	Linda Gilbertson	1996
	Wilma Manning (c)	1997
	Jan Neuding	1998
	Dorothy Suszanski	1996
Commission on Disabilities	Mary Challela	1996
	Peter Ellis, Jr. (c)	1996
	Margaret Flynn	1998
	Nancy Green	1998
Dog Officer	(Vacant)	1995
Finance Committee	Ed Burt	1997
	Donald Comastra (c)	1996
	David Felper	1996
	Jeanne McGuane	1998
	Eugene Phillips	1997
	Steve Tenneholtz	1997
	James Dalton	1998
	Howard Maurer	1998
	(Vacant)	
Fire Chief	David Durgin	1995
(Deputy) Fire Chief	David Bliss	1996

Term Expires

Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	
Historical Documents Committee	Robert Hammond Frederick Oldfield, III Merrily Sparling	
Industrial Development Commission	Patricia DiPietropolo Michael Hayes (Vacant) William Northrup (Vacant)	1996 1996 1996 1996 1996
Local Emergency Management Director	David Bliss	1996
Local Emergency Planning Committee	John DiPietropolo David Durgin Christopher Gaffney Richard Mank	1996 1996 1996 1996
Parking Fines Clerk	Katherine Garabedian	1996
Personnel Committee	Colleen Bliss David Felper Walter Swift	1996 1996 1996
Plumbing Inspector	John Balanca	1996
Police Chief	Eugene Costanza	1996
Police Officers	Victor Best Todd Boldy John Gagnon James Gardner Mark Giovanella Richard Mank Wayne Minichielli Steven Sweet	1996 1996 1996 1996 1996 1996 1996 1996

		<u>Term Expires</u>
(Res.) Police Officers	James Curley	1996
	Kellie Diliddo	1996
	Joseph Drugan	1996
	Charles Hester	1996
	Craig Hill	1996
	Michael Kehoe	1996
Right To Know Coordinator	(Vacant)	
School Building Committee	Joseph Antonellis	
	Jack Butler	
	Charles Espanet	
	Michael Farrer (c)	
	Leonard Garabedian	
	Donald Hayes	
	Linda Luckcraft	
	James McCallum	
	Loretta Tenenholtz	
Superintendent of Shade Tree Mgmt. and Pest Control Officer	(Vacant)	
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Christine Collins	1996
Town Accountant	Katherine Garabedian	1997
Town Coordinator	Christopher Gaffney	1996
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	1996
Veterans' Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	1996
Wiring Inspector	Albert Shimkus	1996
(Ass't.) Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	1996

Term Expires

**Zoning Board of
Appeals**

Louis Costanza	1999
Thomas Daige (Alternate)	1997
Steven Gallagher	1996
Thomas Haynes (c)	1996
William Northrop	1996
Philip LeMarbre (Alternate)	1996
Thomas Stock	2000

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Michael Tusino	1995
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MICHAEL J. CONNOLLY, SECRETARY

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town or City of Hopedale

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at

1

(insert precinct numbers)

George A. Draper Memorial Gymnasium

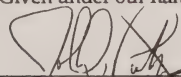
(insert polling locations)

on TUESDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1994 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

U.S. SENATOR.....	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR.....	" " "
LT. GOVERNOR.....	" " "
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	" " "
SECRETARY.....	" " "
TREASURER.....	" " "
AUDITOR.....	" " "
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	Congressional District
COUNCILLOR.....	Councillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	District
CLERK OF COURTS.....	County
REGISTER OF DEEDS.....	District
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....	County

Given under our hands this 29th day of August 1994.
(month)


Bene B. Pastorelli
Officer Hopedale

Selectmen of: Hopedale

(town)

Posted: Town Hall, Post Office & Community House

(Indicate method of service of warrant)

(Constable)

(month and day)

1994

(Warrant must be posted at least seven days before September 20, 1994)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR THE RECALL ELECTION,
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

NOVEMBER 03, 1994

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the George A. Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street, on Thursday, November 03, 1994 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following:

The Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

For the Recall of Selectman John DiPietropolo
Against the Recall of Selectman John DiPietropolo

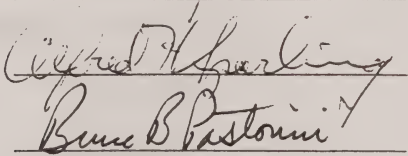
CANDIDATES

Also to fill the position of Selectmen unexpired term.

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, this 17th day of October 1994.





SELECTMEN
OF
HOPEDALE

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office as directed.



Constable of Hopedale

RECALL/SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

November 03, 1994

The polls opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM with Two Thousand, Thirty-Two (2,032) registered voters casting ballots. Town Clerk, Mary L. Draper announced the results as follows:

RECALL ELECTION

FOR THE RECALL OF SELECTMAN JOHN DI PIETROPOLO	837
AGAINST THE RECALL OF SELECTMAN JOHN DI PIETROPOLO	1,153*
BLANKS	42

CANDIDATES

JOHN DI PIETROPOLO	1,115
ELIZABETH MEEHAN	826
BLANKS	77
WRITE-INS	14

SELECTMAN - UNEXPIRED TERM

CHRISTINE H. BURKE	1,410*
EDWARD D. CARACINO	573
BLANKS	48
WRITE-INS	1

* DENOTES WINNER

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY, SECRETARY

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town or City of Hopedale

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at

1

(insert precinct numbers)

George A. Draper Gymnasium

(insert polling locations)

On TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1994 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:
To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

U.S. SENATOR.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....Congressional District
COUNCILLOR.....Councillor District
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT.....Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL COURT.....Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....District
CLERK OF COURTS.....County
REGISTER OF DEEDS.....District
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....County
COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION.....Plymouth County (only)

LOCAL OFFICES

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION.....Dukes Co. (Except Gosnold)
ASSEMBLY DELEGATE.....Barnstable County (only)
BLUE HILLS REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BRISTOL PLYMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MT. GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

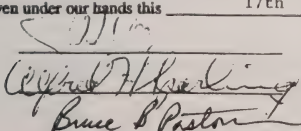
QUESTIONS

- #1 - Regulating Spending on Ballot Question Campaigns
- #2 - Seat Belt Law
- #3 - Changing the Law Regarding Student Fees
- #4 - Term Limits
- #5 - Opening of Retail Stores on Sunday Mornings and Certain Holidays
- #6 - Graduated Income Tax
- #7 - Personal Income Tax Changes
- #8 - State Highway Fund Changes
- #9 - Prohibiting Rent Control

COUNTYLOCAL AND PUBLIC POLICY QUESTIONS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of October 1994.
(month)

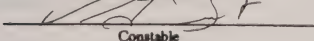

Bruce S. Pastor

Selectmen of: Hopedale

(town)

Posted: Town Hall, Post Office, Community House

(Indicate method of service of warrant)


Constable

10/8 1994
month/day

(Warrant must be posted at least seven days before November 8, 1994)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR THE TOWN ELECTION

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

MAY 08, 1995

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings;

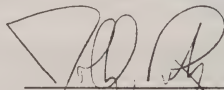
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the George A. Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street, on Monday, May 8, 1995 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following Town Officers:

The Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

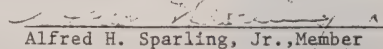
One Selectman	for 3 years
One Town Clerk	for 3 years
Two School Committee Members	for 3 years
One Road Commissioner	for 3 years
One Water & Sewer Commissioner	for 3 years
One Planning Board Member	for 5 years
One Trustee of Public Library	for 3 years
One Board of Health Member	for 3 years
One Park Commissioner	for 3 years
One Housing Authority Member	for 5 years

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be in the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, this TWENTY-SIXTH day of April, 1995.



John DiPietropoli, Chairman



Alfred H. Sparling, Jr., Member

Christine H. Burke, Member

SELECTMEN

OF

HOPEDALE

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office as directed.

Constable of Hopedale

TOWN ELECTION

MAY 08, 1995

The Polls opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM with One Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Seven (1,467) registered voters casting ballots. Town Clerk Mary L. Draper announced the results at 8:15 PM as follows:

Selectman - 3 Years

John Di Pietropolo	675 *
Elizabeth Meehan	367
Paul Yanovitch	386
Blanks/Write-Ins	39

Town Clerk - 3 Years

Barbara Kochon	701 *
Jeanne McGuane	690
Blanks/Write-Ins	76

School Committee - 3 Years

Richard Martin	736 *
Edward Burke	755 *
Ann Lavelle	612
Stephen Saravara III	279
Blanks/Write-Ins	552

Road Commissioner - 3 Years

Albert Carnaroli	623
Eli Potty	767 *
Blanks/Write-Ins	77

Water & Sewer Commissioner - 3 Years

Walter Swift	1,011 *
Robert Symonds	392
Blanks/Write-Ins	64

Planning Board - 5 Years

Harland Griffin	680 *
Howard Maurer	581
Blanks/Write-Ins	206

Trustee of Public Library - 3 Years

Frederick Oldfield III	1,119 *
Blanks/Write-Ins	348

Board of Health - 3 Years

Elizabeth Sales	1,053 *
Blanks/Write-Ins	414

Park Commissioner - 3 Years

Richard Espanet	1,107 *
Blanks/Write-Ins	360

Housing Authority - 5 Years

Charles Germagian	1,051 *
Blanks/Write-Ins	416

* denotes winner

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
SEPTEMBER 13, 1994

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, September 13, 1994 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to adopt the following legislation:

AN ACT CONCERNING RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE

Section 1. This act amends the provisions of Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993.

Section 2. A holder of an elected office in the Town of Hopedale may be recalled therefrom by the qualified voters of the Town as provided in Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993 only for cause, which shall include admitted violations of or convictions relating to the conflict of interest laws, including, but not limited to, nepotism or influence peddling, embezzlement of public funds, or for the admission of or conviction for any felony. An "admission" for purposes of this act shall include any plea of "no contest" before a competent tribunal, or like plea.

Section 3. A statement of reasons in the affidavit initiating a recall petition shall identify the violation or admission which provides the grounds of recall.

Section 4. Section 3 of Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993 is amended by striking therefrom the phrase "other town election" and substituting therefore the phrase "other election."

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an

additional sum of money for constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing an addition to the Memorial School and for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the Memorial School, including costs incidental and related to the carrying out of the project and its financing, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds thxe amount of \$50,000 for the testing and installation of two satellite wells, pumps, piping, and related material and work at the Greene Street Well Field, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to conduct a prolonged pumping test and prepare a required report for approval by the Department of Environmental Protection for a well field at the Mill River east of Fitzgerald Drive and north of Route 16 in Hopedale or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a new cab and chassis with dumpbody for the Road Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$55,000 to purchase a new sidewalk tractor with snowblower for the Road Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,600 to install a new roof at the Town garage, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of constructing a ramp for the disabled and related work to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, said work representing the first phase of a 5 phase plan to bring the Library into compliance with the ADA, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: BANCROFT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to change the bylaws of the Town of Hopedale by deleting the present Chapter II Sections One and Two and replacing said sections as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Election of such Town Officials and the determination of such other matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot shall take place on the second Monday in May.

Section 2. The annual Town Meeting shall take place on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m. All business of the Annual town meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by ballot, shall be considered at said meeting.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer the sum of \$143.00 to supplement the Blackstone Valley Regional School Assessment for the fiscal year 1995, thereby raising the assessment from \$62,365 to \$62,508 or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,948 to pay a prior year bill from Agresource Inc. to meet a contractual obligation for sludge management and composting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$11,305.24 to pay the following prior year bills incurred by the Board of Health;

Wheelabrator Millbury Inc.	\$11,069.24
W-MRC Radio	\$50.00
E.L. Harvey and Sons	\$36.00
Matrix Analytical	\$150.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE BOARD OF HEALTH

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the appropriation to the Water and Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 1995 as voted at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting by \$111,777, said sum representing a duplicate annual bond payment for the Sewer Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500 from the Hopedale Historical Commission, as voted at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting, to the Hopedale Red Shop Preservation Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature for a Special Act allowing the Town to abate and refund certain property taxes as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Hopedale is hereby authorized to abate real estate taxes assessed in fiscal year 1993 in the names of the following persons and related amounts:

Kevin M. and Donna M. Marsh	\$1,582.28
Arthur F. and Katherine A. Posch	\$1,555.24
Dominic Rizzo and Laurie Daubert	\$1,859.97
James M. Clement Jr. and Ellen T. Brown	\$1,666.30
Karl R. and Mary T. Zhongi	\$3,829.79
Joseph P. and Diane P. Luchini	\$1,587.83
Karen Ryan and Mark Wyspianski	\$2,037.92

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept Mantoni Drive as a public way and to accept a deed of the fee interest in said road from all parties having an interest therein, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 to supplement the fiscal year 1995 salary account for the Hopedale Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,800 to supplement the salary line item of the Fiscal Year 1995 Water budget or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,200 to supplement the expense line item of the Fiscal Year 1995 Water budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

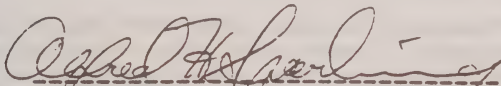
SUBMITTED BY: WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept the deed, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, to the inhabitants of the Town, of the parcel(s) of land owned by Abraham Rosenfeld, shown on Assessor's Map 21, as Parcel 1-8, and/or Parcel 3, and/or Parcel 1-9, said portion of which map is on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of, but not limited to, developing the land as a municipal well site, or take any other action in relation thereto.

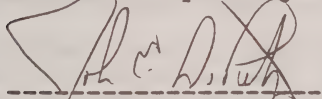
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this August 29, 1994.

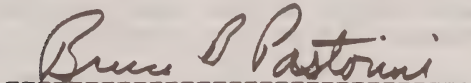
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Alfred H. Sparling



John E. DiPietropolo

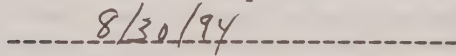


Bruce B. Pastorini

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and post Office Lobby.



Constable of Hopedale



Date

SEPTEMBER 13, 1994
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Tonight's Special Town Meeting articles cover a wide variety of subjects. These range from authorizing additional expenditure on the Memorial School construction project to funding the Water Department's quest for new water sources to articles which allow for the payment of bills incurred during the prior fiscal year.

A couple of articles call for additional funds to be raised and appropriated. How are we able to do this if we already have a balanced budget and we're taxing to our levy limit? The answer is that we are receiving more in state aid than was originally estimated, so we do have some resources available to allow for the funding of these articles.

Obviously, the Finance Committee is not pleased with having to spend more money on additional expenses, but our options are quite limited.

Specific recommendations and comments regarding each article are as follows:

ARTICLE 1
RECOMMENDATION: UNFAVORABLE ACTION

The opinion of the Finance Committee is that this article too narrowly defines reasons for recalling elected officials. The fact that fifteen percent of town voters must initiate this procedure should supply the necessary barriers to inappropriate use of this process.

ARTICLE 2
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article allows additional funding (through bonding) of the Memorial School construction project. Bids received are approximately \$1 million higher than had been estimated by the architect. These additional costs will further strain future operating budgets, but it appears that we have little choice in the matter if we wish not to imperil state aid contributions or project schedules. Simply put, we appear to be in a financial corner on this one.

ARTICLE 3
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article calls for spending \$50,000 to increase the efficiency of the Greene St. well fields. Funding will come from the Water Dept. reserve fund.

ARTICLE 4
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article will allow the Water Dept. to assess a potential new source of water for the town. Again, funding is through Water Dept. reserves.

ARTICLE 5
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article calls for funding a new truck for the Highway Dept. The Finance Committee is recommending that this be done through bonding.

ARTICLE 6
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article funds a new sidewalk plow for the Highway Dept. Again, bonding is the recommended funding mechanism.

ARTICLE 7
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This will allow for the installation of a new roof at the Highway Dept. garage. We recommend that these funds be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 8
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article calls for the expenditure of \$25,000 to construct a ramp at the Town Library.

ARTICLE 9
RECOMMENDATION: UNFAVORABLE ACTION

The Finance Committee believes that the second section of this proposed by-law change, which calls for another change in the date of the Annual Town Meeting, is contrary to the goal of having as many residents as possible at this meeting. Recent experience indicates that Saturday meetings are attended by more people.

ARTICLE 10
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

Increases the Blackstone Valley Regional School assessment by \$143.

ARTICLE 11
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article allows for the payment of a prior year bill (for \$4,948) incurred by the Sewer Dept.

ARTICLE 12
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article calls for the payment of Health Board bills incurred during the last fiscal year. The total amount is \$11,305.

ARTICLE 13
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This corrects action taken at the last Town Meeting. The funds were included twice in the Water and Sewer Dept. budget by action on two separate articles.

ARTICLE 14
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article separates the budget for the Red Shop (\$2,500) from the budget of the Historical Commission.

ARTICLE 15
RECOMMENDATION: AT TOWN MEETING

This unusual article deals with the abatement of 1993 real estate taxes paid by several home owners. The total amount is approximately \$12,000.

ARTICLE 16
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

The Finance Committee recommendation assumes a favorable recommendation by the Highway Commissioners.

ARTICLE 17
RECOMMENDATION: FAVORABLE ACTION

This article funds a recent arbitration decision relating to Fire Dept. salary increases.

ARTICLE 18
RECOMMENDATION: UNFAVORABLE ACTION

This article supplements the salary account of the Water Dept. to allow for the hiring (on a part-time basis) of a former employee. The Finance Committee feels that additional staffing is unwarranted. The Water and Sewer do not wish to reduce the hours of present employees to accommodate an additional employee within the present salary budget.

ARTICLE 19
RECOMMENDATION: UNFAVORABLE ACTION

This article deals with equipment that would be required by the part-time employee contemplated under in previous article. Again, the Finance Committee does not think that this action is in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 20
RECOMMENDATION: AT TOWN MEETING

This article relates to acceptance of a gift of land of approximately 18 acres. The potential of an additional water source from this land may exist, but we are looking into the amount of taxes presently derived from this land.

The Hopedale Finance Committee

Donald Comastra, Chairman
Steve Tennenholtz, Vice Chairman
Dave Adamson
Ed Burt
Ed Caracino
Ed Overs
Gene Phillips
Walter Scano
Paul Yanovitch

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 1994

At 6:58 P.M. the Moderator appointed and swore in counters for the evening.

This Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:00 P.M. At this time a moment of silence was held for Mrs. Marjorie Hattersley, Childrens Librarian. This distinguished Town Employee opened the world of reading to the entire town.

Also Mr. Victor Lamothe was acknowledge tonight for his many years of community service to this town and his twenty-three years of service on the Finance Committee. Moderator Stock presented him with a citation from the Senate and he received a standing ovation as this was presented to him.

There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and return and upon motion duly voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant and proceed as follows:

Article 1: Selectman Sparling moved that the Town petition the Legislature to adopt the following legislation:

AN ACT CONCERNING RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE

Section 1. This act amends the provisions of Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993.

Section 2. A holder of an elected office in the Town of Hopedale may be recalled therefrom by the qualified voters of the Town as provided in Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993 only for cause, which shall include admitted violations of our convictions relating to the conflict of interest laws, including, but not limited to, nepotism or influence peddling, embezzlement of public funds, or for the admission of or conviction for any felony. An "admission" for purposes of this act shall include any plea of "no contest" before a competent tribunal, or like plea.

Section 3. A statement of reasons in the affidavit initiating a recall petition shall identify the violation or admission which provides the grounds of recall.

Section 4. Section 3 of Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1993 is amended by striking therefrom the phrase "other town election" and substituting therefore the phrase "other election."

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Motion made and duly seconded and Selectman Sparling spoke against the recall bylaw and how our elected official are dedicated to their positions.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meehan spoke in favor of the recall bylaw calling this bylaw direct involvement and strongly urged the voters to vote against this amendment.

Mr. Edward Caracino also spoke in favor of the recall bylaw and urged voters to vote against this amendment as did Selectman Pastorini.

Mr. Robert Metcalf asked Town Counsel to explain what Conviction by a court of law or a no contest law means. Town Counsel said Conviction is the admission of the act.

You have to commit a crime or admit to a crime for this amendment to the recall bylaw to pass. Town Counsel also explained what Nepotism is, that which is the appointment of relatives to a job.

The Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action on this article.

After all parties had an opportunity to be heard the Moderator requested a standing vote be taken and the results were: 149 in the affirmative and 247 in the negative. Motion defeated. A total of 396 cast votes.

Article 2. School Building Committee member, Michael Farrar, moved that the Town hereby appropriate the sum of one million dollars in addition to sums previously appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the Memorial School and for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the Memorial School, including costs incidental and related to the carrying out of the project and its financing, and that the Town raise such additional appropriation by borrowing, and the treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws, Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or any other enabling authority.

Motion made and duly seconded and Mr. Farrar made a presentation on this article as to why the school needs this one million dollars.

Finance Committee Chairman, Donald Comastra, said these additional costs will put more pressure on future operating budgets. The board does not want to endanger state aid contributions so they recommend favorable action on this article.

A very lengthy discussion ensued on the floor with many questions being asked. After all parties had an opportunity to be heard the Moderator requested a standing vote be taken as a 2/3rd vote is required and the results were: 106 in the negative and 299 in the affirmative. Motion carried. A total of 405 cast votes.

Article 3. Water and Sewer Commissioner Mark Ansart moved that the Town transfer from the Water Department Unreserved Fund Balance Account the amount of \$50,000.00 for the testing and installation of two satellite wells, pumps, piping, and related material and work at the Greene Street Well Field.

Motion made and seconded and Water Dept. Consultant Ted Moreen spoke on this article.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the floor with many questions being asked.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

After all parties had an opportunity to be heard the Moderator called for a voice vote which unanimously passed.

Article 4. Water & Sewer Commissioner Mark Ansart moved that the Town transfer from the Water Department Unreserved Fund Balance Account the sum of \$65,000.00 to conduct a prolonged pumping test and prepare a required report for approval by the Department of Environmental Protection for a well field at the Mill River east of Fitzgerald Drive and North of Route 16 in Hopedale.

Motion made and seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote after several questions were asked.

Article 5. On a motion by Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a new cab and chassis with dumpbody for the Road Department.

Article 6. Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$55,000 to purchase a new sidewalk tractor with snowblower for the Road Department.

Motion made and duly seconded. The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

Several questions were asked on this article.

Selectman Pastorini made a motion to amend the article to transfer the funds from the stabilization fund instead of borrowing. After an explanation from Finance Committee Chairman, Donald Comastra, Selectman Pastorini withdrew his motion.

Back to the main motion which unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 7. On a motion by Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,600 to install a new roof at the Town garage.

Article 8. Library Trustee Roger Edwards moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a ramp for the disabled and related work to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, said work representing the first phase of a 5 phase plan to bring the Library into compliance with the ADA.

Motion made and seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

Article 9. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town Change the bylaws of the Town of Hopedale by deleting the present Chapter II Sections One and Two and replacing said sections as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Election of such Town Officials and the determination of such other matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot shall take place on the second Monday in May.

Section 2. The Annual Town Meeting shall take place on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 P.M. All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by ballot, shall be considered at said meeting.

Motion made and seconded and Selectman Sparling explained the purpose of this amendment, so that we can have the Annual Town Meeting before the Annual Town Election.

Council on Aging Director, Joanne Dutra spoke on having the Annual Town Meeting on a Saturday afternoon so that the senior citizens can attend the town meeting.

Mrs. Edith Fulton made a motion to make an amendment to change Section 2 to read Annual Town Meeting to take place on the second Saturday in April at 1:00 P.M.

Motion was duly seconded and a standing vote was requested by the Moderator on the amendment. The majority of the people standing were against the amendment which was defeated.

The main motion then unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 10. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate, the sum of \$143.00 to supplement the Blackstone Valley Regional School Assessment for the Fiscal year 1995, thereby raising the assessment from \$62,365 to \$62,508.

Article 11. On a motion by Water & Sewer Commissioner Mark Ansart, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,948 to pay a prior year bill from Agresource Inc. to meet a contractual obligation for sludge management and composting.

Article 12. On a motion by Board of Health Chairman, Peter Mitchell, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,305.24 to pay the following prior year bills incurred by the Board of Health:

Wheelabrator Millbury Inc.	\$11,069.24
WMRC Radio	50.00
E.L. Harvey and Sons	36.00
Matrix Analytical	150.00

Article 13. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town reduce the appropriation to the Water and Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 1995 as voted at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting by \$111,777, said sum representing a duplicate annual bond payment for the Sewer Department.

Article 14. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropoli, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,500 from the Hopedale Historical Commission, as voted at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting, to the Hopedale Red Shop Preservation Committee.

Article 15. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town require the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature for a Special Act allowing the Town to abate and refund certain property taxes as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Hopedale is hereby authorized to abate real estate taxes assessed in fiscal year 1993 in the names of the following persons and related amounts:

Kevin M. and Donna M. Marsh	\$1,582.28
Arthur F. and Katherine A. Posch	1,859.97
Dominic Rizzo and Laurie Daubert	1,555.24
James M. Clement Jr. and Ellen T. Brown	1,666.30
Karl R. and Mary T. Zhongi	1,823.71
Joseph P. and Diane P. Luchini	1,587.83
Karen Ryan and Mark Wyspianski	2,037.92

and that the Town raise and appropriate the aforementioned sums to satisfy the obligation of the Town upon the passage of the special legislation.

Article 16. Road Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved that the Town accept Mantoni Drive as a public way and to accept a deed of the fee interest in said road from all parties having an interest therein.

Motion made and duly seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 17. On a motion by Selectman Pastorini, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to supplement the fiscal year 1995 salary account for the Hopedale Fire Department.

Article 18. On a motion by Selectman Pastorini, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 19.. On a motion by Selectman Pastorini, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 20. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift and to accept the deed, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, to the inhabitants of the Town, of the parcel of land owned by Abraham Rosenfeld, said property to be under the care custody and control of the Hopedale Board of Selectmen, said parcel described as follows:

A certain parcel of land located on the northerly side of Mellen Street, Hopedale, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being the same premises shown as lot 11A on plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Hopedale, Mass. Property of (Lots 5A-9A, 11A, 15, & Parcels A,B,C,) Abram Rosenfeld (Parcels D,E,F,G) Joseph Rosenfeld, Scal: 80 feet to an inch, Date: December 1,1993, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering and Land Surveying, 33 West Street, Milford, Mass. of land is filed with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 679, Plan 79.

Said lot 11A contains 18.493 acres, more or less, according to said plan of land.

Motion made and seconded to dispense with further reading of the full text of this bylaw). Motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

Motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:10 P.M.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 11, 1995**

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

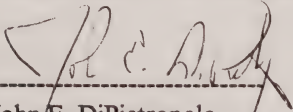
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, April 11, 1995 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:15 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to be added to various departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995 or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

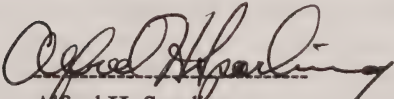
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March 1995.

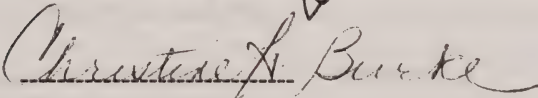
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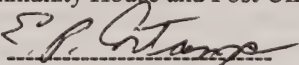


Alfred H. Sparling



Christine H. Burke

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and Post Office Lobby.



Constable of Hopedale

3/28/95

Date

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 11, 1995**

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Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other offices, departments and committees of said town, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850 to increase the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Health to \$1,000 and the salaries of the remaining members of the Board of Health to \$800, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 3: To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected officer for his her services in fiscal year 1995, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 4: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds for Insect Pest Control, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,477 for the Town's assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$966.39 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate through assessments provided under General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44,

Section 53E, the bond issue payments of the Sewer Department, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of 20,000 to purchase a wood chipper or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,600 to purchase a slide in "V" body sander, or a similar body sander, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,525 to purchase a sickle bar, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to reconstruct sidewalks, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for new overhead doors for the Town highway barn or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer the sum of \$70,000 for the resurfacing of Greene Street and appurtenant work, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a new school bus and special education van, or take any other action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$150,000 for major maintenance issues at the High School and Park Street School, or take any other action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the leasing and installation of air-conditioning units at the Bancroft Memorial Library, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Library Trustees)

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for test well exploration east of the Mill River to include 200 linear feet of 2 and one-half inch wells, delineation of wetlands and related testing and engineering, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund as provided under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing fiscal year as contained in the Finance Committee Report, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to approve the amount of the \$514,700 debt authorized by vote of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District School Committee on Thursday, February 16, 1995 for the purposes of financing costs of reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School District)

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of providing Senior Citizen Real Estate Payment vouchers for services rendered, pursuant to an agreement to be formulated by the Council on Aging and approved by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 24: To see if the town will vote to establish a bylaw under M.G.L. Chapter 40, s.21 (13) requiring all town officers to pay into the Treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 25: To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to borrow, in anticipation of State reimbursement, a sum not to exceed \$254,153 for the purpose of funding road paving projects, incidental work, and any other expenditures authorized under the provisions of Section 2(a) of Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994 and under the provisions of similar acts of previous years, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 26: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to enact the following bylaw:

Non-Criminal Disposition

Any by-law of the Town of Hopedale or rule or regulation of its officers, boards or departments, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may, in the discretion

of the person who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced in the method provided in section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The non-criminal fine for each such violation, if not otherwise specified, shall be \$25.

“Enforcing person” as used in this bylaw, shall mean any Town police officer of the Town of Hopedale with respect to any offense and such other officials as the board of Selectmen may from time to time designate, each with respect to violation of by-laws and rules and regulations of within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of this provision that the following by-laws, rules and regulations are to be included within the scope of this section, that the specific penalties as listed here shall apply in such cases and that in addition to police officers who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

General ByLaws	FINE
Chapter VIII - Streets and Highways, Sec. 13	\$50.00
Chapter VIII - Streets and Highways, other sections	\$20.00
Chapter XIII - Private Fire and Burglar Alarm Systems	\$20.00
Chapter XIV - Leash Law (Dog Officer)	First Offense \$20.00
	Second Offense \$40.00
	Third Offense \$50.00
Chapter XVI - Regulations for Junk Yard - Junk Vehicles	\$200.00

or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to allow any member of the Road Commissioners to receive the same hourly compensation as paid to the Highway Laborer for snow removal operations and natural disasters, and to be constables, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the sum of \$1175. received as filing fees in Fiscal Year 1994, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Conservation Commission)

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting the following amendments, or take any other action in relation thereto.
(Planning Board)

Amendment No. 1

To amend Section 1, PURPOSE, by deleting the existing section 1 and inserting the following:

PURPOSE

This By-Law is adopted for the following purposes: to lessen congestion in the streets; to conserve the public health; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to encourage housing for persons of all income levels; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, clean water, stormwater drainage, sanitary sewerage, schools, parks, open space, and other public requirements; to conserve the value of land and buildings, including the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of blight and pollution of the environment; to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town of Hopedale, including consideration of the most recent Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board; and to preserve and increase amenities by the promulgation of regulations to fulfill such purposes.

Amendment No. 2

To amend Section 2, Definitions, as follows:

2.1 Delete definition of Abandonment.

2.5 Delete definition of Agriculture.

2.7 Add to the definition of Automotive Repair Shop the following:

No more than four motor vehicles may be stored on the property, and all must be kept within an enclosed building.

2.14 Delete the definition for Day Care Center, and insert the following two definitions:

2.14a Day Care Center: Any facility as defined in 102 CMR 7.02 which is operated on a regular basis whether known as a day nursery, nursery school, kindergarten,

preschool or known under any other name which receives children, not of common parentage, under seven (7) years of age, or under sixteen (16) years of age if such children have special needs, for nonresidential care during part or all of the day separate from their parent(s). A day care center provides care for more than six (6) children and must be licensed by the Office of Children under state regulations (102 CMR 7.00:). See also Family Day Care Home.

2.14b **Family Day Care Home:** As defined in 102 CMR 8.02 any private residence which on a regular basis, receives for temporary custody and care during part or all of the day, children under seven (7) years of age or children under sixteen (16) years of age if such children have special needs; provided however, in either case, that the total number of children under sixteen (16) in a family day care home shall not exceed six (6), including participating children living in the residence. Family day care home shall not mean a private residence used for an arrangement among neighbors or relatives, or the occasional care of children with or without compensation

2.26 Delete the definition for Livestock or Fowl.

2.40 In the definition of Parking Space, delete the phrase "of not less than 200 sq. ft.".

2.46a Add the following definition for Screening

A device or materials used to conceal or shield one element of a development from other elements or from adjacent or contiguous development. Screening techniques include fences, walls, hedges, berms, or other features.

2.49 Delete the definition of Store.

2.52a Add the following definition for Structure, Temporary:

A structure intended for limited duration, not to exceed two months. Such structures may only be erected in rear yards and shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from any lot line. A building permit is required to erect such a structure. This definition shall not apply to temporary structures used for agricultural purposes.

2.54a Add the following definition for Trailer:

A vehicle or object mounted on wheels and having no motive power of its own which is designed to be drawn or towed by a motor vehicle.

Amendment No. 3

To amend Section 4, Non-Conforming Uses and Structures, as follows:

Delete the first paragraph and insert the following paragraph in its place:

This Zoning By-Law and any amendments thereto shall not apply to structures or uses lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or to a building or special permit issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on such By-Law required by M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, but shall apply to any change or substantial extension of such use, to a building or special permit issued after the first notice of said public hearing, to any reconstruction, extension or structural change of such structure and to any alteration of a structure begun after the first notice of said public hearing to provide for its use for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent except where alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change of a single or two-family residential structure does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure. This Section shall not apply to billboards, signs and other advertising devices subject to the provisions of Sections 29 through 33, inclusive, of M.G.L. Chapter 93, and to M.G.L. Chapter 93D.

- 4.1 Delete section 4.1, Alterations, and section 4.4, Expansions, and replace with the following sections:
 - 4.1 Extensions and Alterations of One, Two and Three Family Dwellings: A non-conforming one, two or three family dwelling may be extended or altered as a matter of right within the existing footprint and height of the structure or within a height and setback which conform with the dimensional requirements of this By-Law upon a determination by the Building Commissioner that such extension or alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of the structure. An extension or alteration of a one, two or three family dwelling which increases the non-conforming nature of the structure may be permitted by grant of a special permit of the Board of Appeals upon a finding by the Board that the proposed extension or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood.
 - 4.2 Other Extensions and Alterations: By special permit of the Board of Appeals, non-conforming uses and structures other than one, two and three family dwellings may be altered or extended to a size or area up to fifty (50) percent greater than its size or area existing at the time of adoption of this by-law upon a finding by the Board that the proposed extension or alteration shall not be

substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use or structure to the neighborhood.

- 4.2 Re-number this section as 4.3. Delete the phrase "fair market value" and insert in its place "assessed value" so that this section reads as follows:
- 4.3 Restoration: No non-conforming structure, damaged by fire or other cause to the extent of more than seventy-five (75) percent of its assessed value, shall be repaired, rebuilt or used except in conforming with this by-law.
- 4.3 Re-number this section as 4.4. Delete the existing section and replace with the following:
- 4.4 Abandonment: A non-conforming use or structure that is abandoned or not used for a period of two (2) years shall not be reestablished and any future use shall conform to the regulations of this By-Law.
- 4.5 In paragraph two, change 4.4 to 4.2 so that it reads:

In determining sections 4.2 and 4.5...

Section 5. Uses and Structures Not Governed by Restrictions on Non-Conforming Uses and Structures

Delete this section in its entirety. Add a new section 4.7 to reference state law regarding exemptions of non-conforming lots for single and two family dwellings in separate and common ownership, and plan freezes for definitive plans and approval not required plans.

- 4.7 The protections afforded non-conforming lots in single and common ownership for single and two family residential use, as specified in M.G.L. c. 40A § 6 paragraph 4, the protections afforded land shown on definitive subdivision plans as specified in M.G.L. c. 40A §6 paragraph 5, and the protections afforded the use of land shown on plans submitted in accordance with §81-P of M.G.L. c. 41 as specified in said §6 paragraph 6 are incorporated in this by-law by reference.
- 5.5 Re-number Section 5.5 as Section 4.8.

Amendment No. 4

To amend various sections of the Zoning By-Law to modify provisions for home occupations, as follows:

Delete the definitions for Professional Office, Section 2.43, and Residential Office, Section 2.44, and insert the following definition:

2.43 HOME OCCUPATION: A business, profession, occupation or trade conducted for gain or support and located within a dwelling unit or detached accessory building which use is clearly subordinate to the use of the premises for dwelling purposes and does not change the essential residential character or appearance of the premises. Home occupations shall conform to the provisions of Section 6.1 of this Zoning By-Law.

In section 11.2, delete the lines for Residential Office and Professional Offices.

Add a new section 6.1, Home Occupations, as follows:

6.1 Home Occupations

A home occupation is an accessory use that shall be clearly subordinate to the existing residential use of the property. Home occupations are permitted in all residential districts and shall meet the general standards and the specific standards related to the use as set forth below.

(a) General Standards that apply to all home occupations:

- (1) A home occupation must be conducted within a dwelling which is the bona fide residence of the principal practitioner or in an accessory building thereto which is normally associated with a residential use. The home occupation shall be carried on wholly indoors.
- (2) The maximum amount of floor area devoted to the home occupation shall not be more than twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the principal residential structure, or four hundred (400) square feet, whichever is less.
- (3) In no way shall the exterior appearance of the principal residential structure be altered or the occupation within the residence be conducted in a manner which would cause the premises to differ from its residential character by the use of colors, material, construction, lighting, show

windows or advertising visible outside the premises to attract customers or clients.

- (4) One (1) sign is permitted per home occupation in conformance with Section 7.1 (b).
- (5) All commercial vehicles shall be parked on-lot and must be parked in a garage or an enclosed structure.
- (6) Off-street parking spaces are not permitted in the front yards. A ten (10) foot wide driveway, which provides access to parking areas in the side or rear of the property, may be located in the front yard. All off-street parking areas must be located at least ten (10) feet from any property line. Off-street parking lots with three (3) or more spaces shall be buffered from abutting residences by a dense screen of evergreens, hedge material, or similar plantings. Alternately, a four (4) to five (5) foot high fence may be erected which provides a visual screen.
- (7) There shall be no exterior storage of materials or refuse resulting from the operation of the home occupation.
- (8) No equipment or process shall be used in a home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, dust or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot. No equipment or process shall be use which creates visible or audible interferences in any radio or television receivers off the premises.
- (9) Home occupations shall not include the following: animal hospitals, commercial kennels, funeral parlors or undertaking establishments, antique shops, automobile repair, restaurants, rooming-boardng houses, dancing schools, tea rooms and other business and trades which are customarily not found as an incidental use in a dwelling. Questions of applicability or interpretation shall be submitted to the Building Commissioner.
- (10) A zoning permit (See Section 10.2) shall be required for all new accessory home occupations, changes in home occupations or expansions of home occupations.
- (11) Home occupations may include the selling of products, the major portion of which are raised or produced on the premises. This shall not permit the reselling of goods purchased or obtained elsewhere.

(b) **Specific Use Standards.** The following shall apply to specific types of home occupations.

- (1) **Professional Office:** A professional office is a service oriented business use conducted within an enclosed area specifically designed for the functional needs of the use, wherein the professional services of the practitioner is the salable commodity offered to the client. Professional offices include, but are not limited to the following: office facility of a salesman, architect, engineer, stock broker, dentist, doctor, psychiatrist, insurance agent, lawyer, real estate agent or accountant. No more than two (2) persons, other than resident members of the immediate family, may be employed.
- (2) **Personal Service:** A service business including, but not limited to barbers, beauticians or photographers.
 - (a) Beauty parlors and barber shops may be permitted as a special permit use by the Board of Appeals.
 - (b) No more than one (1) person, other than resident members of the immediate family, may be employed.
 - (c) This use may be permitted only in detached dwellings.
- (3) **Instructional Service:** An instructional service is a home occupation in which the practitioner provides the client with special instruction in a specific area of study.
 - (a) Instructional services involving a maximum of four (4) students at a time are permitted.
 - (b) Instructional services involving musical instruments are only permitted in detached dwellings.
 - (c) No persons shall be employed other than resident members of the immediate family.
- (4) **Home Crafts:** Home crafts are business activities whereby the commodity for sale is completely manufactured on the site and may be sold by the resident craftsman. Home crafts may include, but are not limited to, the following: artists, sculptors, dressmakers, seamstresses, and tailors; and

include such activities as model making, rug weaving, lapidary work and furniture making.

- (a) Home crafts are permitted only in detached dwellings and detached accessory buildings on the same lot.
 - (b) No more than one (1) person other than resident members of the immediate family may be employed.
- (5) **Trades Business:** The use of a residence as a base of operation for the business, but not including the conduct of any phase of the trade on the property. Trades included in this home occupation include, but are not limited to, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, masons, painters, roofers and similar occupations.
- (a) Trades businesses may be permitted as a special permit use by the Board of Appeals.
 - (b) No more than one (1) business vehicle may be parked on the property including non commercial trucks and vans with loading capacities not exceeding three-quarter (0.75) ton.
 - (c) The area of the office, storage of materials and equipment (excluding vehicles) shall not exceed the limitations of subsection 6.1(a)(2) above under general standards.
 - (d) No assembling, manufacturing, processing or retail sales shall be conducted on the property.
 - (e) No persons shall be employed other than resident members of the immediate family.
- (6) **Repair Services and Other Home Occupations:** A repair shop for appliances, lawn mowers, watches, bicycles, locks, small business machines and other goods but not including automobile, truck and motorcycle repairs, and other home occupations not specified above.
- (a) A repair service or other home occupation not specified previously may be permitted as a special permit use by the Board of Appeals.
 - (b) All repairs shall be conducted within an enclosed building.

- (c) No additional people other than resident members of the immediate family may be employed.
- (d) There shall be no exterior storage of materials or refuse resulting from the operation of the home occupation.

Amend Section 7.1 (b) by deleting the words "Residential or Professional Office" on line 1 and "of the office or studio" on line 4, and inserting the words "home occupation" in each instance. This section will now read:

7.1(b) For a home occupation, one of the two signs allowed under the above paragraph may have an area of up to two (2) square feet designating the use or occupant of the home occupation.

Amendment No. 5

To amend various sections of the Zoning By-Law to allow Bed and Breakfast Inns, as follows:

Add to Section 2, a new definition 2.9a, Bed and Breakfast Inn

2.9a BED AND BREAKFAST INN: A dwelling in which overnight accommodations of not more than five (5) rooms are provided to tourists for compensation. The only meal to be provided shall be breakfast, and it shall only be served to guests taking lodging in the facility.

Add a new section 6.2, Bed and Breakfast Inns.

6.2 Bed and Breakfast Inns

- (a) Bed and breakfast inns are permitted as an accessory use to a single family dwelling. The dwelling shall be the primary residence of the owner or manager.
- (b) No exterior alterations shall be made to the building other than those required to ensure the safety of the structure or to provide improved accessibility for the handicapped.
- (c) Parking shall be provided at the rate of one space per guest room in addition to that required for the principal residential use.
- (d) The applicant shall submit a plan showing the location, wording, dimensions, and construction materials of any proposed signs. If the building is located in an historic district or is on a local, state, or national inventory of historic structures, this plan shall be forwarded to the Historical Commission, which shall have thirty-five (35) days to submit their comments to the Board of Appeals. The Board may waive other applicable sign provisions of this By-Law if necessary to provide adequate notice to tourists of the use and location of the facility.

Amend Section 11.2 by adding the following line:

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Bed and Breakfast Inn	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	N	SP	N	N	N	N

Amendment No. 6

To amend various sections of the Zoning By-Law to allow Accessory Apartments, as follows:

Amend Section 2, Definitions, by adding the following definition:

- 2.1a **ACCESSORY APARTMENT:** A separate housekeeping unit, complete with its own sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities, that is substantially contained within the structure of a single family dwelling but functions as a separate unit.

Amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 6.3, Accessory Apartments

6.3 Accessory Apartments

One accessory apartment may be permitted by special permit of the Board of Appeals in all residential districts subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The owner(s) of the dwelling in which the accessory apartment is located shall occupy one of the dwelling units.
- (b) Either the occupants of both units shall be related by blood, adoption, or marriage, or one of the units shall be occupied by an individual hired to provide medical assistance, custodial care, or child care to one or more individuals in the other unit. When the dwelling is sold, or when the need for such care ceases, the dwelling shall revert to single family use, and the accessory apartment may not be re-occupied unless a new special permit is obtained from the Board of Appeals.
- (c) The design of the accessory apartment shall be such that the appearance of the building remains that of a one-family residence. Any new entrances or additions shall be located on the side or rear of the building and shall not increase the floor area of the dwelling by more than ten percent (10%). Additions shall not be permitted on any lot not conforming to the minimum lot size or yard setback requirements of the district where the building is located, nor shall any new non conformance be created by any additions.
- (d) The accessory apartment shall be clearly secondary in nature to the principal dwelling, and it shall not exceed six hundred (600) square feet in area.
- (e) The one accessory apartment permitted per dwelling may be created in an attached or detached garage existing on the date of adoption of this By-Law.

- (f) If the lot is not connected to public sewer, prior to obtaining a building permit, the Board of Health shall certify that the septic system is in compliance with Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Board of Health's regulations.
- (g) There shall be no more than one (1) bedroom in an accessory apartment.
- (h) The Board of Appeals may require more stringent or other appropriate conditions in order to protect the public health and safety and the single family character of the neighborhood. The Board may allow deviation from the above conditions where necessary to install features that facilitate use by disabled persons.

Amendment No. 7

To amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new section 6.4 Temporary Trailer Storage, as follows:

6.4 Temporary Trailer Storage

The placement of a trailer for the purpose of storing goods accessory to a lawful business shall comply with the following additional requirements:

- (a) A temporary permit shall be obtained from the Building Commissioner prior to the placement of the trailer on the lot. The permit may be granted for a period of time no longer than six months, renewable for one additional six month period. A reasonable fee may be charged to assist in the issuing of and monitoring of compliance with this permit.
- (b) The application shall indicate the location on the lot where the trailer will be placed, the goods and materials to be stored, and the manner in which it will be installed. The Building Commissioner shall require such conditions as are necessary to protect the public health and safety, prevent a nuisance, and not detract from the aesthetic character of the Town. All pertinent provisions of this Zoning By-Law shall be complied with.
- (c) The trailer must be removed upon the expiration of the permit.
- (d) No more than one trailer may be placed on the lot.
- (e) Any violations of this by-law or conditions of the permit shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this by-law.

Amendment No. 8

To amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new section 6.5, Residential Driveways, as follows:

- 6.5 Residential Driveways: Before the issuance of a final occupancy permit for a single family dwelling, the Building Commissioner shall determine that the driveway is in compliance with the specifications for curb cuts and driveways issued by the Road Commissioners. In addition, the following standards shall apply:
- (a) The driveway is paved within the lot for a distance of at least ten (10') ft. from the front lot line.
 - (b) Driveways shall be at least ten (10) feet wide, but not greater than twenty (20) feet wide, and have a curb return at the roadway of between five (5) and fifteen (15) feet in radius.
 - (c) The driveway opening shall be located at least thirty (30) feet from the point of curve of an intersection measured along the front lot line.
 - (d) Driveway placement must be such that an exiting vehicle has an unobstructed sight distance according to the following schedule:

Highway Design Speed MPH	Sight Distance FEET
30	200
35	225
40	275
45	325
50	350

If the highway desing speed is unknown the posted speed limit may be substituted. Sight distance shall be measured along the street onto which the driveway exits.

Amendment No. 9

Amend Section 7, Sign and Light Regulations, as follows:

- 7.1 (b) Delete the phrase "For a Residential or Professional Office" and insert in its place "For a home occupation". (Note: this is conditional upon adoption of a separate home occupation amendment.)
- 7.2 (a) Delete the second sentence, which reads: "In addition there may be one directory of the occupants or tenants of the building affixed to one interior wall of the building."
- 7.3 Insert a new section 7.3 (a) as follows:
 - 7.3 (a) Signs endorsing candidates or issues for public elections shall be displayed no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to a voting day, and shall be removed within five (5) days after a voting day. Such signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area. A maximum of two (2) signs per lot is allowed.
- 7.8 Revise to make the Building Commissioner, as zoning enforcement officer, solely responsible for enforcing the sign provisions, as follows:

7.8 Maintenance

Signs shall be maintained so as to be structurally sound and well finished. If in the judgment of the Building Commissioner any sign falls below proper standards of safety and upkeep, he may order the owner or displayer of such sign to replace, rebuild, or refinish the sign.

- 7.10 Renumber Section 7.10, Lights, as Section 7.11 and insert the following provision as a new Section 7.10:

7.10 Protection of First Amendment Rights

Any sign authorized with or without a permit under this Section may, in lieu of any specified copy, contain any otherwise lawful, non-commercial message that does not direct attention to a business or to a service or commodity for sale.

Amend No. 10

To amend Section 8, Off-Street Parking Area Requirements, as follows:

Revise section 8.1 as follows:

- 8.1 **Minimum Dimensions of Parking Spaces:** The minimum dimensions of parking spaces shall be as follows:
- (a) Space width shall be at least nine (9) feet.
 - (b) Space depth shall be at least nineteen (19) feet for all angle and 90° parking and twenty-two (22) feet for parallel parking.
 - (c) During site plan review, the Planning Board may allow up to forty (40%) of the required parking spaces to be set aside for compact cars for those uses which have little turnover and are typically occupied all day or overnight, such as for offices or apartments. Each compact space shall not be less than eight (8) feet in width and sixteen (16) feet in depth. Such spaces shall be clearly marked on the lot through the use of signage or pavement markings.

Add new sections 8.6 - 8.11 as follows:

- 8.6 **Landscaping:** All parking areas shall be properly screened and landscaped to protect adjacent property from undesirable effects of parking lots and to preserve the appearance and character of the surrounding neighborhoods.
- (a) A landscaped buffer strip at least fifteen (15) feet wide, continuous except for approved driveways, shall be provided adjacent to public ways to visually separate parking and other uses from the road. The buffer strip shall be planted with grass, low shrubs, and shade trees with a minimum 2" caliper, with one tree planted for every fifty (50) feet of road frontage.
 - (b) Along other property lines, there shall be provided a landscaped strip at least five (5) feet in width, planted with grass, low shrubs, and shade trees with a minimum 2" diameter caliper, with one tree planted for every fifty (50) feet of perimeter length.
 - (c) For parking lots containing twenty-five (25) or more spaces, a minimum of five (5) percent of the interior of the lot shall be maintained with landscaping. The total amount of landscaping shall be separated into smaller areas to break up the expanse of pavement.

- 8.7 Parking lots and access driveways must be surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or similar hard surface materials. All parking spaces shall be suitably marked by painted lines or other appropriate markings. The surface shall be graded and drained in such a manner that there will be no free flow of water onto adjacent properties or the street right-of-way.
- 8.8 Parking lots shall be designed to permit each motor vehicle to proceed to and from all unoccupied spaces without requiring the moving of any other parked vehicle. Spaces shall be designed to prevent motor vehicles from backing onto a public street in order to leave the lot.
- 8.9 Exposed storage areas, dumpsters, machinery, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings, and other unsightly uses shall be screened from view from neighboring properties and streets through the use of walls or fences complemented with landscaping.
- 8.10 The requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the regulations of the state's Architectural Access Board regarding accessible parking spaces for disabled individuals shall be complied with. The Building Commissioner shall be consulted regarding number, location, design, and signage of accessible spaces..
- 8.11 Loading Regulations: For all non-residential uses involving the distribution of vehicles, materials or merchandise, there shall be provided and maintained on the lot adequate space for standing, turning, loading and unloading services in order to avoid interference with public use of streets.
- (a) Location: All loading and delivery facilities shall be located either at the side or rear of buildings they are designed to serve, but not closer than ten (10) feet from a public right-of-way and five (5) feet from any other lot line or twenty-five (25) feet from a lot line adjacent to a property in residential use.
 - (b) Minimum Dimensions: Each required space shall be at least twelve (12) feet in width, fifty (50) feet in length and have a vertical clearance of at least fourteen (14) feet.
 - (c) Required Loading Spaces: Loading spaces shall be provided according to the requirements below:

Gross Floor Area (sq. ft.)	Number of Berths
5,000 - 50,000	1
50,001 - 100,000	2
100,001 - 200,000	3
Each additional 200,000	1

Amendment No. 11

To amend Section 9, Earth Removal Restrictions, by adding a new Section 9.1 (a),
Removal of Topsoil, as follows:

9.1(a) Removal of Topsoil: All topsoil displaced during an earth removal operation shall be stockpiled on the site until termination of the operation.

Amendment No. 12

To amend Section 10, Administration, by deleting Section 10.4, Permits, and inserting the following: Section 10.4, Powers of the Board of Appeals; Section 10.5, Appeals and Variances; Section 10.6, Special Permits; and Section 10.9, Fees. Renumber Sections 10.5 and 10.6 as 10.7 and 10.8, respectively.

10.4 Powers of the Board of Appeals: The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

- (a) Appeals: To hear and decide appeals taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his or her inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative official under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, or by any person including an officer or Board of the Town of Hopedale or of an adjoining town who is aggrieved by an order or decision of the Building Commissioner or any other administrative official, in violation of any provision of Chapter 40A or of this By-Law.
- (b) Variances: To hear and decide petitions for variances, but not including variances for use, from the terms of this By-Law. The Board of Appeals may issue a variance for a particular parcel of land or structure thereon only upon finding, that owing to circumstances relating to soil conditions, shape or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this By-Law would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner, and that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this By-Law.
 - (1) The Board of Appeals may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations of both time and use, including the continued existence of any particular structure, but excluding any condition based upon the continued ownership of the land or structure to which the variance pertains.
 - (2) If the rights authorized by a variance are not exercised within one year of the date of the granting of the variance, such rights shall lapse. However, the Board, upon written application by the grantee of such variance, may extend the time period for the exercise of such rights for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The application for extension shall be filed with the Board prior to the expiration of the one year period. If the Board does not grant the extension within thirty days, and upon the expiration of the

original one year period, such rights may be reestablished only after notice and a new hearing pursuant to this section.

- (c) **Special Permits:** To hear and decide applications for Special Permits.
- (d) **Authority of the Board:** In exercising its powers, the Board may make orders or decisions, reverse or affirm in whole or in part, or modify any order or decision, and to that end shall have all the powers of the officer from whose decision an appeal is taken, and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit.

10.5 Appeals And Variances

- (a) **Submission Requirements for Variances:** All petitions for variances shall be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk with an original and ten (10) copies. The Town Clerk shall forthwith transmit one copy to both the Planning Board and Building Commissioner, and six (6) copies to the Board of Appeals.
- (b) **Submission Requirements for Appeals:** Appeals to the Board of Appeals shall be taken within thirty (30) days from the date of the order or decision which is being appealed. The petitioner shall file a notice of appeal with the Town Clerk specifying the grounds for the appeal, and a copy of the notice, including the date and time of filing certified by the Town Clerk, shall be filed forthwith by the petitioner with Board and with the officer or board whose order or decision is being appealed. Such officer or board shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Appeals all documents and papers constituting the record of the case in which the appeal is taken.
- (c) **Notices and Public Hearings:** The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on any appeal or petition for a variance transmitted to the Board by the Town Clerk within sixty-five (65) days of the transmittal of the appeal or petition to the Board. Notice of such hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town once in each of two successive weeks; the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the hearing, and also by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the Town Hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the hearing. Notice to parties in interest or specific boards or other agencies shall be sent by mail, postage prepaid. "Parties in Interest" as used in this section shall mean the petitioner or appellant, abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way and owners of land within three hundred (300) feet of the property line as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town, and the Planning Board of every abutting city or town. The required

publications and notices shall contain the name of the petitioner, a description of the area or premises, street address or other adequate identification of the location of the area or premises which is the subject of the petition, the date, time and place of the public hearing, the subject matter of the hearing, and the nature of the action or relief desired.

- (d) Voting: A vote of at least four members of the Board of Appeals shall be necessary to reverse any order or decision of any administrative official or to grant a variance. The decision of the Board shall be made within one hundred (100) days of the date of the filing of an appeal or petition. This required time limit for a public hearing or decision may be extended by written agreement between the petitioner and the Board. A copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Failure of the Board to act within one hundred (100) days, or extended time, if applicable, shall be deemed to be grant of the appeal or petition sought, subject to an applicable judicial appeal.
- (e) Filing of Decision: The Board of Appeals shall keep a detailed record of its proceedings, the votes of its members, and the reason for its decision, copies of all of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days. The Board shall mail notice of the decision to the petitioner or appellant, to the Parties in Interest as defined in Section 10.53, and to every person present at the public hearing who requested such a notice.

10.6 Special Permits

- (a) Submission requirements: Each application for a special permit shall be filed by the applicant with the Town Clerk. A copy of the application including the date and time of filing certified by the Town Clerk shall be filed forthwith by the applicant with the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA). All applications shall comply with the rules adopted by the SPGA relative to the procedures for submission and approval of special permits.
- (b) Notices, Public Hearings and Votes: The SPGA shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days after the filing of an application with the Board. Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication and posting and by mailing to all Parties in Interest according to the procedures specified in Section 10.53. The Board shall act within ninety (90) days following this hearing. Failure by the Board to take final action on a special permit application within ninety (90) days following the close of the public hearing shall be deemed to be a grant of the special permit. The required time limits for a public hearing and decision may be extended by written agreement between the applicant and Board. A copy of such agreement shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Granting of a

special permit shall require a favorable vote of at least four (4) members of the Board of Appeals or four (4) members of the Planning Board, as the case may be.

- (c) Lapse of Special Permit: The rights authorized by a special permit shall lapse two (2) years from the date of the grant of the special permit if a substantial use has not commenced except for good cause, or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause.
- (d) Special Permit Criteria: The SPGA may not grant a special permit unless all of the requirements of this By-Law are met, and unless the SPGA concludes, based on the information submitted at the public hearing, that all of the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The use will not have detrimental effects which outweigh its benefits to the neighborhood, Town or zoning district in which it is located;
 - (2) The use is consistent, insofar as practicable, with the Town's Master Plan officially adopted by the Planning Board;
 - (3) The use will not materially endanger or be hazardous to the public health and safety;
 - (4) Sufficient off-street parking exists or will be provided to serve the use;
 - (5) The use can be adequately served by municipal water and sewer systems and other necessary utilities, or the SPGA is satisfied that the proposed alternatives will comply with all applicable regulations; proposed septic systems shall comply with Title 5 of the State Environmental Code or more stringent regulations adopted by the Board of Health;
 - (6) The use will not result in a substantial increase of volume or rate of surface water runoff to neighboring properties and streets;
 - (7) The use will not result in contamination of the ground water supply, a well, stream, pond, watercourse or wetland;
 - (8) The use will not create undue traffic congestion or unduly impair pedestrian safety.
- (e) Special Permit Conditions: The SPGA may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on time and use as may be appropriate for the protection of the

neighborhood, the Town, and the natural environment. These conditions may include, but are not limited to: setbacks greater than the minimum required by this By-Law; screening and buffering from adjacent property; limitations on the size, method and time of operation; regulation of the number and location of driveways or other traffic features; off-street parking and loading; or other special features beyond the minimum required by this By-Law. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing on the special permit. The applicant may be required to post a bond or other security in an amount satisfactory to the SPGA for compliance with said conditions.

- (f) **Filing the Decision:** The SPGA shall file the decision with the Town Clerk within ninety (90) days following the close of the public hearing and shall follow the notification procedures in Section 10.55.

10.9 Fees

The Board of Appeals, Planning Board, and Board of Selectmen may adopt, and from time to time amend, following a public hearing, a fee schedule for the permits, applications, petitions, etc. referred to in this By-Law. Fees shall be paid upon submission of a signed application for the specific permit or relief requested.

Amendment No. 13

To amend Section 11, Use Dimensional and Intensity Regulations, as follows:

Amend Section 11.1 by adding the following category of permitted uses:

Y* a use permitted by a zoning permit from the Building Commissioner after completing Site Plan Review by the Planning Board.

Amend Section 11.3, Commercial, by adding the following use to the table:

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Business, professional and general offices	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	P	P	N	N	N

Amend Section 11.4, Industrial, by adding the following uses to the table:

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Bio-technology research and manufacturing	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N	N	N
Warehouses	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	Y	Y	N	N	N

Amend Section 11.5, Institutional and Public, by changing the designations for certain uses in the table as follows:

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Church, rectory, parish house or structures for religious use; or school which is sectarian, denominational, public or non-profit	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Make the following changes	Y		Y									Y

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Day care center	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
<i>Make the following changes</i>	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*

Amend Section 11.5, Institutional and Public, by adding the following use to the table:

	RA	RA-1	RB	RC	RP-1	HMF	GB	C	I	REC	T	CEM
Family Day Care Home	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Note: Designations in existing Zoning By-Law have the following meanings:

- Y A use permitted by a zoning permit from the Building Commissioner upon compliance with all the applicable provisions of this by-law.
- N A prohibited use.
- SP A use permitted only by special permit from the Board of Appeals after a public hearing.

Amendment No. 14

To amend various provisions of Section 13, Table of Regulations, pertaining to the RA district, as follows:

Amend the Minimum Lot Area (RES) for RA from 15,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet.

Amend the minimum lot frontage requirement for RA from 100' to 50'.

Amend the minimum front yard requirement for RA from 65' (F) to 10' (H)

Amend section 13.1 by adding a new footnote H., as follows:

13.1 (h) The front yard setback shall be measured from the front property line of the lot.

Amend the distance for Building Line for RA from 100' to 50'.

Amend the Minimum Open Space percentage for RA from 75% to 60%.

Amendment No. 15

To amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 13.3, Alternative Front Yard Setback, as follows:

13.3 Alternative Front Yard Setback

In lieu of the minimum front yard specified in the Table of Regulations, in a Residential district any building may be setback from the front property line a distance equal to the average of the setbacks of all existing buildings within three hundred (300) feet in either direction on the same side of the same street.

Amendment No. 16

To amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 13.4, Performance Standards, and 13.4 (a), Noise, as follows:

13.4 Performance Standards

13.4 (a) Noise:

- (1) Excessive noise at unreasonable hours shall be muffled so as not to be objectionable due to intermittence, frequency, shrillness or volume.
- (2) The maximum permissible sound pressure level of any continuous, regular or frequent source of sound produced by any use or activity shall not exceed the following limits at the property line of the sound source:

	Sound Pressure Level Limits Measured in dB(A)'s	
	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 p.m. - 7 a.m.
Industrial Districts	70	65
Business/Commercial Districts	65	60
Residential and Other Districts	55	45

- (3) Noise shall be measured with a sound level meter meeting the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The instrument shall be set to the A-weighted response scale which automatically takes into account the varying effect on the human ear of different pitches.
- (4) Impact noises are sounds that occur intermittently rather than continuously. Impact noises generated by sources that do not operate more than one minute in any one-hour period are permissible up to a level of 10 dB(A) in excess of the figures listed above, except that this higher level of permissible noise shall not apply from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. when the adjacent lot is zoned or used for residential use. The impact noise shall be measured using the fast response of the sound level meter.

Amendment No. 17

To amend Section 14, Flood Plain District, by adding the following Section 14.3 (c):

- 14.3 (c) All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws (The Wetlands Protection Act) and with the following:
- (1) Flood Resistant Construction Regulations of the State Building Code, 780 CMR 2102.0;
 - (2) Wetlands Protection Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00;
 - (3) Inland Wetlands Restriction Regulations, 302 CMR 4.00; and
 - (4) Standard Requirements for the Siting, Construction, Inspection, Upgrade and Expansion of On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and for the Transport and Disposal of Septage, (310 CMR 15.00, Title 5).

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

To amend Section 14.4.4 by changing the word "date" to "data". This section will now read:

- 14.4.4 base flood elevation data (the elevation of the 100 year flood) is provided for all proposals within the Flood Plain District.

Amendment No. 18

To amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 18, Site Plan Review, as follows:

Site Plan Review

18.1 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide for a comprehensive review of site plans for those uses and structures that may have a significant impact on adjacent properties, the Town's character, infrastructure, environment and quality of life.

18.2 Uses Requiring Site Plan Review

The site plan review provisions shall apply to the following types of structures and uses (excluding subdivisions for detached single family dwellings and any public buildings or uses of the Town of Hopedale):

- (a) Any new structure, or group of structures under the same ownership on the same lot or contiguous lots, with at least six thousand (6,000) square feet of gross floor area or requiring the provision of ten (10) or more parking spaces.
- (b) Any improvement, alteration, or change in use which either results in an increase of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet of gross floor area or results in a total of ten (10) or more parking spaces.
- (c) Any use for which site plan review is specifically required by other provisions of this By-Law.

18.3 Site Plan Review Procedure

- (a) Filing: An applicant for site plan review shall file with the Planning Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting, ten (10) copies of the site plan and any supporting documents. The applicant shall also file a copy of the site plan with the Town Clerk.
- (b) Submission Requirements: Site plans shall be prepared by a registered professional engineer, architect or landscape architect at a scale of 1" = 40' on standard 24" x 36" sheets, (or another scale or size previously approved by the Planning Board) and shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name of the project, property boundaries, location map, date, north arrow and scale, and the name and address of the owner and registered engineer, architect or landscape architect who prepared the plan.
 - (2) The location of all existing and proposed buildings and structures within the development including dimensions, height and floor area.
 - (3) The zoning district of the site and the required zoning setback lines on the property.
 - (4) The location of all existing and proposed roads, railroads, driveways, parking and loading areas, sidewalks, fences and walls; and the number of parking and loading spaces provided.
 - (5) The location, height, size, and design of all proposed signage and lighting fixtures.
 - (6) Proposed landscaping, including the size and type of plant material.
 - (7) The location of existing and proposed utility systems, including water supply, sewer or septic system, storm drainage system, and other utilities.
 - (8) Existing and proposed topography at two (2) foot contour intervals, including natural features, water courses, wetlands and the 100-year flood plain.
 - (9) The location where earth removal or filling is proposed and the volume of material to be removed.
 - (10) Elevations for all exterior facades of the proposed structure including the type and color of materials to be used.
- (c) **Plan Review:** The Planning Board shall refer copies of the site plan to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Building Commissioner, Water Department, Sewer Department, Highway Superintendent, and other boards or officials as deemed necessary. These parties shall have thirty (30) days in which to review and comment on the plan. Failure to submit written comments within thirty (30) days shall be interpreted as lack of opposition to the approval of the site plan.
- (d) **Review Fees:** The Planning Board is authorized to retain a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect or other professional consultant to

advise the Board on any and all aspects of the site plan. The fee shall be paid by the applicant at the time of plan submission. The Planning Board shall adopt a fee schedule which accurately reflects the cost of reviewing site plans and regulations regarding the use of outside consultants.

- (e) Decision: The Planning Board shall deliver its written decision to the Building Commissioner within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the site plan application. This time limit may be extended by written agreement between the applicant and the Planning Board. Failure of the Planning Board to take final action within sixty (60) days, or extended time, shall be deemed to be approval of the application. The Planning Board's final action shall consist of either:

- (1) Disapproval of the site plan if the applicant fails to furnish adequate information required by this By-Law;
- (2) Approval of the site plan subject to any conditions, modifications and restrictions as required by the Planning Board which will insure that the site plan meets the standards of this By-Law; or
- (3) Disapproval of the site plan, in extreme circumstances where, despite best efforts, no form of reasonable conditions can be devised to satisfy problems with the plan.

18.4 Uses Also Requiring a Special Permit from the Board of Appeals

In cases where a development requires site plan review by the Planning Board and a special permit from the Board of Appeals, the applicant shall file site plan and special permit applications concurrently with the appropriate Board. Application and public hearing fees shall be paid to the Board of Appeals and plan review fees shall be paid to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall review and take action on the site plan and shall submit a report with recommendations to the Board of Appeals within forty five (45) days of the receipt of the application. The Board of Appeals shall incorporate the Planning Board's recommendations and conditions in its special permit decision, or shall state in the decision the reasons why such recommendations or conditions were not followed.

18.5 Standards for Approval

The following standards shall be used by the Planning Board in reviewing all applications for site plan approval.

- (a) Conformance with all the provisions of the Hopedale Zoning By-Law;
- (b) Provisions for convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, for driveway openings that are convenient and safe in relation to the adjacent street network, and for adequate emergency vehicle access;
- (c) Provisions for adequate parking and loading spaces, and site design that minimizes visual intrusion of these areas from public ways;
- (d) Landscaping measures taken to screen the appearance of off-street parking areas from abutting properties and to create visual and noise buffers that minimize the encroachment of the proposed use on neighboring land uses;
- (e) Adequate provision for controlling surface water runoff to minimize impacts on neighboring properties and streets and to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation of the Town's surface waters;
- (f) Measures taken to minimize contamination of ground water from sewage disposal and operations involving the use, storage, handling, or containment of hazardous substances;
- (g) Protection of adjoining property or the Town from any undue disturbance caused by excessive or unreasonable noise, smoke, vapors, fumes, dust, glare, etc.
- (h) Conformance and compatibility of the site plan design with structures listed in the State Register of Historic Places;

18.6 Site Plan Conditions

The Planning Board may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on time and operations as may be appropriate for the protection of the natural environment, the neighborhood, and the Town. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing in the site plan approval decision and shall be enforced by the Building Commissioner. The applicant may be required to post a bond or other security in an amount satisfactory to the Planning Board for compliance with these conditions.

Amendment No. 19

To amend the Zoning By-Law to create a new RA-2 district and to amend the Zoning Map to re-zone to RA-2 the area shown on the accompanying map titled "Map Amendment No. 1, as follows:

Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts by adding the following:

Residential A-2	RA-2
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Amend Section 11.1 by adding a new RA-2 district to the key for the Use Regulation Schedule, as follows:

RA-2.....Residential A-2

Amend the Use Regulation Schedule by adding RA-2 and duplicate all of the symbols for RA so that the uses permitted are equivalent.

Amend Section 13, Table of Regulations by adding RA-2 and the following dimensional requirements.

Minimum lot area (except RC)	--
Minimum lot area (RES)	4,000
Minimum lot frontage (ft.)	40'
Minimum front yard (ft.)	10' (H)
(Note: If a previous amendment does not pass, this dimension should read 35' (F))	
Minimum side yard (ft.)	10' (E)
Minimum rear yard (ft.)	30' (D)
Minimum distance between buildings	--
Building line	40'
Minimum open space (%)	40%
Maximum building height (ft.)	38' (A)

Amendment No. 20

To amend the Zoning By-Law to create a new "Light Industry" district, and to amend the Zoning Map to re-zone the area shown on the accompanying map to LI, as follows::

Amend Section 3.1, Types of Districts, by adding the following:

Light Industry LI

Amend the heading of sections 7.2 and 7.4 (d) by adding Light Industry, as follows:

7.2 Signs in Commercial, General Business, Light Industry, and Industrial Districts

7.4 (d) General Business, Light Industry, and Industrial Districts

Amend Section 11.1 by adding Light Industry to the key for the Use Regulation Schedule, as follows:

LI . . . Light Industry

Amend the Use Regulation Schedule by adding Light Industry and notations for permitted, prohibited, and special permit uses, as follows:

11.2 <u>Residential</u>	LI
Single-family dwelling	N
Two-family dwelling	N
Townhouse dwelling	N
Residential Office (Note: This will not apply if this use is deleted from the By-Law by another article.)	N
Outside parking of commercial vehicles	Y
Outside parking of emergency vehicles	Y
Private garage for storage of more than 3 vehicles or 1 truck	Y
Professional Offices (Note: This will not apply if this use is deleted from the By-Law by another article.)	Y
Bed and Breakfast Inn (Note: This will not apply if a separate amendment is not approved.)	N
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11.3 Commercial

LI

Indoor eating places; drugstores; self-service laundromats; retail stores selling food or alcohol not intended for consumption on the premises, smoking supplies, periodicals, books, stationery, toys, hardware, electrical appliances, furniture, floor covering, household appliances, sports equipment, art and craft supplies, shoes and clothing; service businesses including banks, barber, hairdressing and beautician shops, shoe or clothing repair shops, laundry and dry cleaning establishments and electrical appliance repair shops, business and professional offices	N
Any combination of the above category for which the total floor space exceeds 3,750 sq. ft.	N
Business, professional and general offices (Note: This will not apply if a separate amendment is not approved.)	Y
Hotel, motel, or outdoor eating places	N
Automotive service station	SP
Automotive repair shop, new or used car or marine craft sales establishment, commercial car wash facilities	SP
Establishment for sale of farm and other heavy machinery and vehicles	Y
Light manufacturing including metal stamping, assem- bling, precision machine shops, and laboratories engaged in research, experimental and testing activities	Y
Mortuaries, funeral homes	N
Establishment for the sale and storage of building equipment, or supplies, not considered to be hardware; warehouses	N
All forms of commercial use not specifically mentioned above	N

11.4 Industrial LI

Textile and paper mills; iron, steel and metal foundries; concrete manufacturing and washed sand and gravel plants; sale and storage of concrete products, sand gravel and loam, borrow and clay fill	N
All forms of manufacturing, storage and assembly not specifically mentioned above	N
Bio-technology research and development (Note: This will not apply if a separate amendment is not) approved.)	SP
Warehouses (Note: This will not apply if a separate amendment is not approved.)	Y

11.5 Institutional and Public

Church, rectory, and parish house or structure for religious use; or school which is sectarian, denominational, public or non-profit	Y
Non-religious, sectarian or denominational school which is profit making. Non-profit library, museum, art gallery	Y
Day care center	Y*
Park, structure or area dedicated to municipal community or governmental use or service	Y
Hospital or nursing home	N
Dog or cat kennel or veterinary hospital	N
Family Day Care Home (Note: This will not apply if a separate amendment is not approved.)	N
All forms of institutional and public uses not mentioned above	N

11.6 Agriculture, Livestock and Fowl

Commercial farm, orchard, nursery or truck garden and building and structures associated therewith	N
Raising, boarding or breeding of livestock and fowl for <u>family use</u> and buildings and structures associated therewith	N
Commercial raising, boarding, breeding or keeping of livestock and fowl and buildings and structures associated therewith	N

1.7 <u>Recreational</u>	LI
Municipal or non-profit parks, grounds and facilities for recreation	Y
Indoor places of commercial amusement	N
Outdoor places of commercial amusement	N
Golf courses	N
Historical sites	Y
Cemetery and operations associated therewith	N

Amend Section 13, Table of Regulations by adding the Light Industry district and the pertinent dimensional requirements, as follows:

	LI
Minimum lot area (except RC)	40,000
Minimum lot area (RES)	--
Minimum lot frontage (ft.)	100'
Minimum front yard (ft.)	65' (F)
Minimum side yard (ft.)	15' (H)
Minimum rear yard (ft.)	30' (H)
Minimum distance between buildings	--
Building line	--
Minimum open space (%)	50%
Maximum building height (ft.)	60' (A)

Amend the footnotes to the Table of Regulations by adding a new footnote 13.1 (h) as follows:

13.1 (h) One hundred (100) feet when adjacent to a residential district or property in residential use.

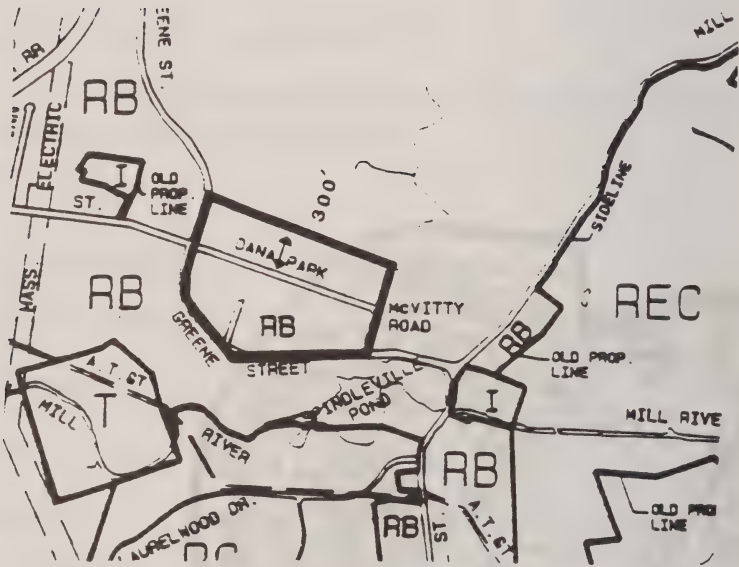
Map Amendment No. 1

Change from RB to RA-2, those properties shown on Assessors Atlas Sheet 15 along the rear property line of parcels fronting on Hill St., as shown on the attached map.
(Note: this amendment also requires the adoption of RA-2 regulations in the Zoning By-Law.)



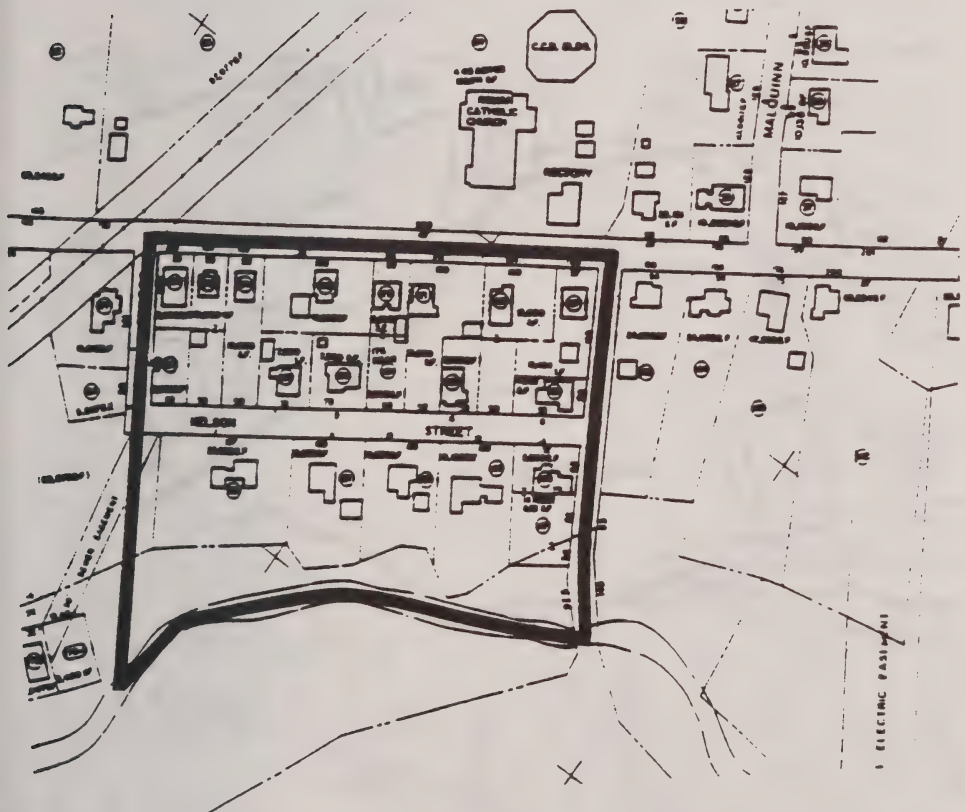
Map Amendment No. 3

Change from RB to RA the area bounded by a setback from Dana Park Rd. of 300', and the center lines of McVitty Rd. and Greene St.



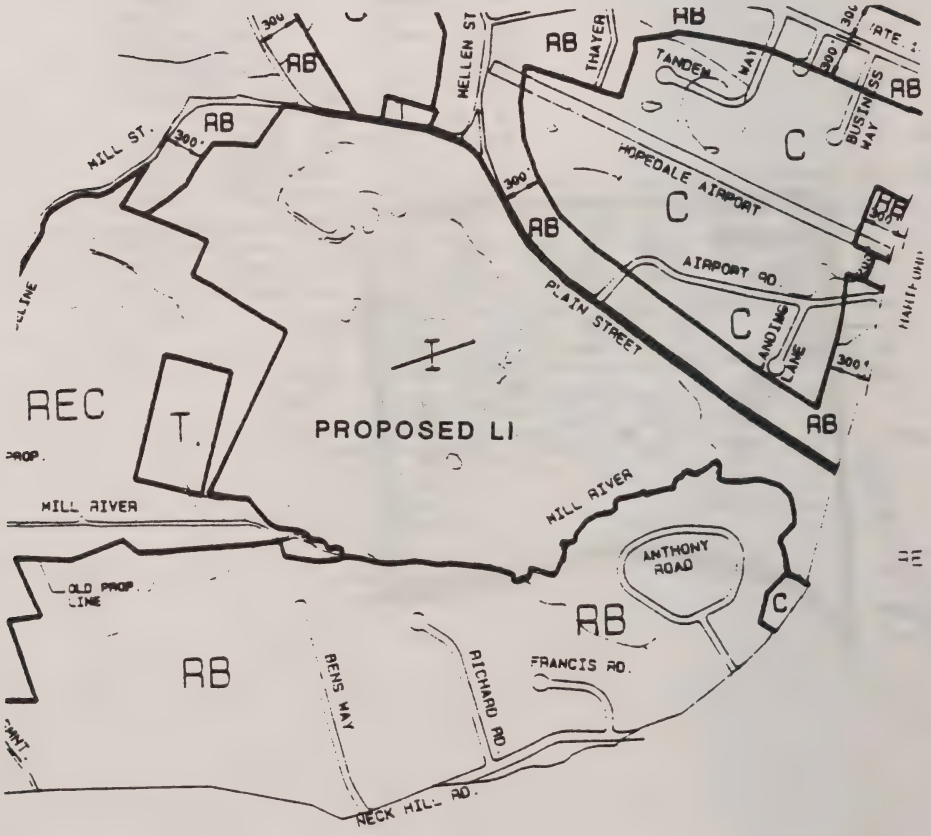
Map Amendment No. 4

Change from RB to RA the area bounded by the center line of Hopedale St., the center line of Nelson St. and its extension to the Mill River, the Mill River, and the center line of Thwing St.



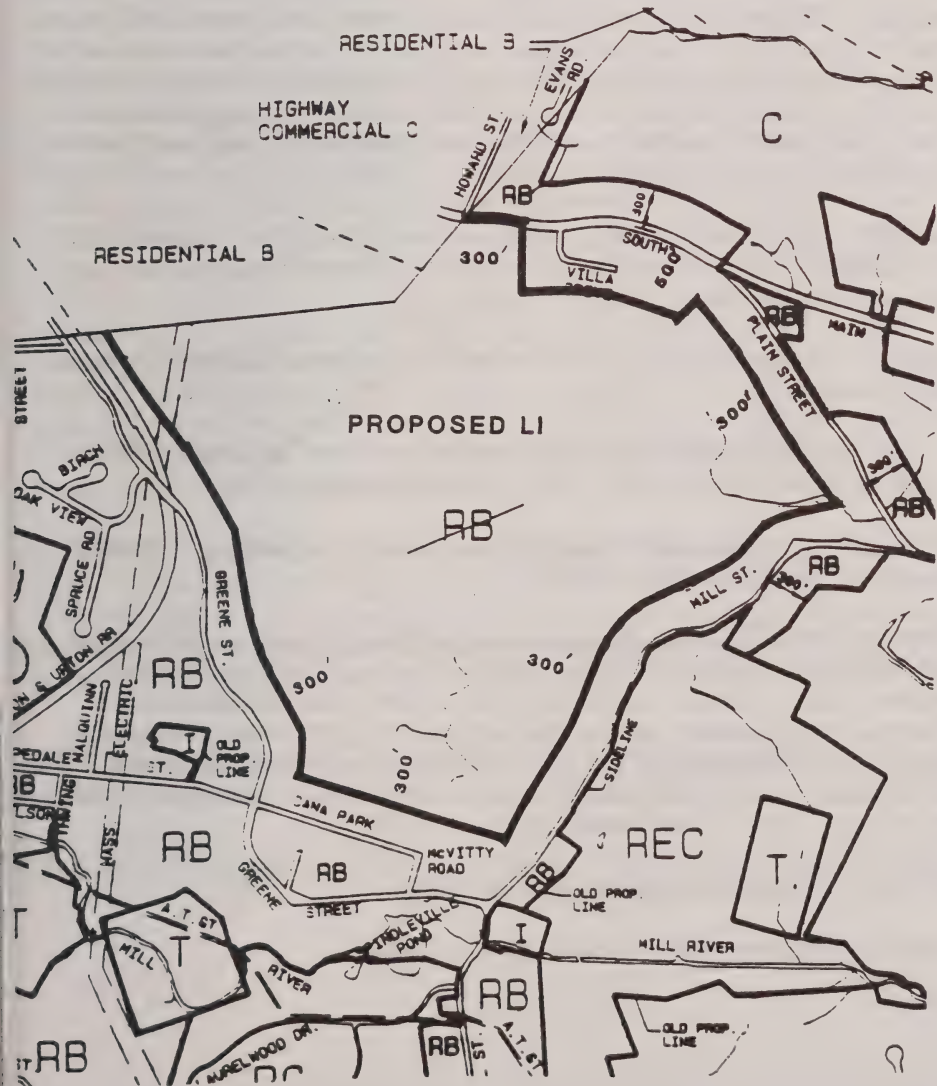
Map Amendment No. 5

Change from I to LI that area bounded by Plain St., the Mendon town line, the Mill River, the existing REC district, and the existing zoning line setback 300' from Mill St.



Map Amendment No. 6

Change from RB to LI that area roughly bounded by and setback 300' from Greene St., Dana Park Rd., Mill St., and Plain St., by a 500' setback from South Main St., by a portion of the center line of South Main St., and by the Milford-Hopedale Town Line.



Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to acquire by purchase or gift, and to accept the deed of a permanent easement to the Inhabitants of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as the Trustees shall determine for the purposes of handicap parking and access thereto, in, along, and upon the portion of the so-called "common elements" of the Hopedale Professional Building Condominium Trust, which is a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated January, 1983, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in 7653, page 299, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Library Trustees)

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to obtain a temporary location for the conduct of classes during the completion of construction at the Memorial School, to locate the same temporarily at the National Guard Armory in Milford or such other location as the School Committee shall determine to be appropriate, and to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease for the same, or take any other action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 129 s. 15, allowing for the nomination of the animal inspector to be made by the Board of Health, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for a special act to read as follows:

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DOG OFFICER
BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Health shall appoint and have general authority over the dog officer in the Town of Hopedale. Said Dog Officer shall have and perform all the duties and powers and be subject to all the requirements and penalties applicable to dog officers as provided in the General Laws of Massachusetts. This Act is not intended to substitute the authority of the Board of Health for that of the Board of Selectmen with respect to enforcement matters under M.G.L. c. 140 s. 151 and related sections.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 15 of the Hopedale General Bylaws by deleting section 5 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 5 as follows.

Section 5. Membership, Appointment, Term, Removal.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A majority of said Commission members shall consist of disabled persons and one of such members may be a member of the of the immediate family of such person, and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of said Town. Terms of the members will be three years and staggered so that no more than two appointments expire in any given year. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration shall be filled for the un-expired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (Commission on Disabilities)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s. 53E 1/2 to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health under the authority and direction of the Board of Health; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000; or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

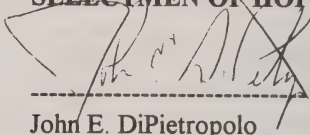
Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E and 1/2 which will provide for receipts from the South Hopedale Cemetery be directed towards maintenance and other operating costs and further the Board of Selectmen expend such funds not in excess of \$1,000 for the fiscal year 1995 from said revolving fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to approve the five phase plan to renovate the Bancroft Memorial Library as described in the report produced by the Architectural firm of Haynes, Lieneck and Smith and adopted by the Board of Library Trustees, said report available at the Bancroft Memorial Library and at the Board of Selectmen's office, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Library Trustees)

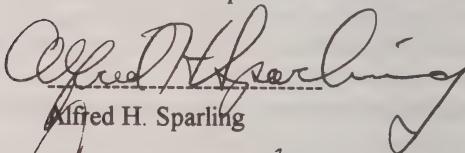
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 30th day of March 1995.

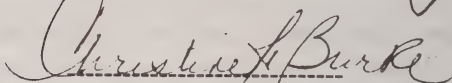
SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE



John E. DiPietropolo

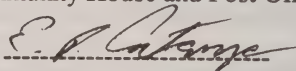


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Constable of Hopedale

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 1995



DONALD COMASTRA, CHAIRMAN
STEVE TENNENHOLTZ, VICE CHAIRMAN
DAVID ADAMSON
EDWARD BURT
EDWARD CARACINO
DAVID FELPER
EDWARD OVERS
GENE PHILLIPS
PAUL YANOVITCH

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

Tonight's Annual Town Meeting of 37 articles has two primary goals: to set departmental budgets for the coming fiscal year (1996) starting July 1st, and to allow residents to vote on a zoning change submitted by the Planning Board.

If the budget recommendations of the Finance Committee are voted, real estate taxes for the coming year should remain stable for the town as a whole, since the total amount of taxes to be levied remains virtually unchanged from the current fiscal year, even though total spending is increasing by approximately 3.5 %. This is because the additional funding level is offset by an anticipated increase in state revenues.

While the total tax levy is unchanged, some property owners may experience small changes in tax bills. This is the result of possible property value adjustments or shifts in the percentage of total value between commercial and residential properties.

One new item in the Town budget this year is a line item of \$8,000 to fund real estate tax credits for senior citizens. These credits will be earned (at a maximum of \$500 per credit) by providing service to the town.

Another feature of the Fiscal Year 1996 budget is the dramatic increase in funds dedicated to debt service. Total payments will increase from approximately \$40,000 this year to over \$400,000 for next year. This is the result of payments coming due for purchases made through bonding at the last annual town meeting. These items include Highway and Fire Department equipment purchases and the new Police Department building. Also adding to our debt commitments for the coming year is a school construction interest payment of \$200,000.

The zoning issue (article 29) proposed by the Planning Board asks voters to change the zoning of several parcels in town. The largest of these parcels would be changed to "Light Industry". Voters should be aware that our favorable recommendation on this article simply follows past practice of following the lead of the Planning Board on these issues. An independent study of the financial impact of these changes is simply outside the scope of the Finance Committee.

Voters are again asked to approve an increase in the Town's Stabilization Fund. The suggested amount of \$75,000 will increase this Fund to approximately \$565,000 (after using \$36,000 this year). Projections indicate that these funds will prove useful in the next few years as our debt service increases.

Regrettably, the Finance Committee has to recommend unfavorable action on some items which we feel are needed but would have led to tax increases. Among these are the proposal to air-condition the Library, and certain paving and drainage repair projects proposed by the Highway Department. Hopefully, we can address these issues as a priority next year.

Also on tonight's agenda will be the inclusion of a brief Special Town Meeting to deal with current year funds transfers. These transfers amount to a total of approximately \$50,000 and the Finance Committee recommends favorable action on this article.

Specific article recommendations (and comments) are as follows:

Article No.	Recommendation	Comments
1	Favorable	Procedural article
2	Unfavorable	This matter should be addressed within the context of all elected officials.
3	Favorable	Compensation at present levels
4	Favorable	\$100 for Insect Pest Control
5	Favorable	\$750 for suppression of Dutch Elm Disease.
6	Favorable	\$30,477 for the Blackstone Valley Regional School.
7	Favorable	\$966 for Central Mass Reg. Planning assessment.
8	Favorable	Sewer Bond payment: \$109,495
9 - 13	Pass Over	These items are in the proposed highway budget, or dealt with previously.

14	Unfavorable	Resurfacing Greene St. project
15	Pass Over	School vehicles will be purchased this year.
16	Favorable	School maintenance items, amended to \$50,000.
17	Unfavorable	Library air-conditioning.
18	Favorable	Water well exploration by Water Dept. Cost of \$10,000.
19	Favorable	Reserve Fund of \$25,000 - same as this year.
20	Favorable	\$75,000 for the Stabilization Fund.
21	Favorable	Finance Committee budget art.
22	Favorable	Regional school bond. Impact is in FY 1997. Hopedale's share is less than \$2,000/yr.
23	Favorable	Senior Citizen tax vouchers. \$8,000 @ \$500 per voucher.
24	Favorable	Fees to Town Treasury.
25	Favorable	"Up-front" funding for state paid resurfacing projects.
26	Favorable	Non-criminal violation fines.
27	Favorable	Continues past practice of allowing compensation for Highway Commissioners.
28	Favorable	Approves revolving account of Conservation Commission.
29	Favorable	Zoning By-Law change submitted by the Planning Board.
30	Favorable	Library area land for parking and access.
31	Favorable	School disruption costs will be handled within the budgets of the departments. (School Dept. and School Bldg. Comm.)

32	Favorable	Animal control officer under Board of Health.
33	Favorable	Allows Article 29 action.
34	Favorable	Commission on Disabilities Town by-law change.
35	Favorable	Amend article to limit fund receipts to hazardous waste receipts.
36	Favorable	Revolving Fund acct. for South Hopedale Cemetary.
37	Favorable	Approves Library five-year renovation plan.

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 95 APPROP	FY 96 REQUEST	FY 96 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
1 GENERAL FUND - 100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	0	0	0	
OTHER	40,000	35,000	35,000	
TOWN COUNSEL	40,000	35,000	35,000	-12.50%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	200	200	200	
OTHER	50	50	50	
TOWN MODERATOR	250	250	250	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	2,700	2,700	2,700	
OTHER	3,675	3,600	3,600	
SELECTMEN	6,375	6,300	6,300	-1.18%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	63,960	53,000	53,000	
OTHER	28,050	23,970	23,970	
MANAGER	92,010	76,970	76,970	-16.35%
COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS	2,000	3,000	3,000	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,000	3,000	3,000	50.00%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	30,754	31,677	31,677	
OTHER	16,200	16,280	16,280	
ACCOUNTANT	46,954	47,957	47,957	2.14%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	42,300	42,800	42,300	
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	3,500	3,500	3,500	
OTHER	20,225	17,850	17,850	
ASSESSORS	66,025	64,150	63,650	-3.60%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	29,725	36,617	36,617	
OTHER	28,440	28,740	28,740	
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	58,165	65,357	65,357	12.36%
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	15,000	15,000	15,000	
OTHER	9,577	2,640	2,640	
CLERK	24,577	17,640	17,640	-28.23%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	2,091	700	700	
OTHER	3,405	1,470	1,130	
ELECTIONS	5,496	2,170	1,830	-66.70%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,302	1,302	1,302	
OTHER	484	434	434	
REGISTRATION	1,786	1,736	1,736	-2.80%
SALARY		200	200	
OTHER	300	200	200	
PARKING CLERK	300	400	400	33.33%
COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	0	0	0	
OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	150	2,150	2,150	
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	150	2,150	2,150	1333.33%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 95 APPROP	FY 96 REQUEST	FY 96 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARIES	0	0	0	
OTHER	500	1,000	1,000	
PLANNING BOARD	500	1,000	1,000	100.00%
COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	750	750	750	
ZONING BOARD	750	750	750	
OTHER SUPPLIES	5,000	2,500	2,500	
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP	5,000	2,500	2,500	-50.00%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	5,536	5,702	5,702	
OTHER	22,350	22,650	22,650	
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	27,886	28,352	28,352	1.67%
TOTAL - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	378,224	355,682	354,842	-6.18%

1 GENERAL FUND - 200 PUBLIC SAFETY

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	328,291	334,615	334,615	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	38,935	38,642	38,642	
OTHER	69,185	70,964	70,964	
POLICE	436,411	444,221	444,221	1.79%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	158,334	163,002	163,002	
SALARY & WAGES TEMPORARY	26,424	27,074	27,074	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	30,050	42,400	42,400	
OTHER	62,756	63,606	49,206	
FIRE	277,564	296,082	281,682	1.48%
POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	5,000	5,000	5,000	
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	5,000	5,000	5,000	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	8,400	8,900	8,400	
OTHER	1,600	2,200	2,200	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	10,000	11,100	10,600	6.00%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500	1,550	1,500	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	1,500	1,550	1,500	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500	1,550	1,500	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	1,500	1,550	1,500	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	0	0	0	
OTHER	1,395	1,395	1,395	
CIVIL DEFENSE	1,395	1,395	1,395	
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	1,200	1,200	3,400	
OTHER	1,150	1,150	2,738	
DOG OFFICER	2,350	2,350	6,138	161.19%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 95 APPROP	FY 96 REQUEST	FY 96 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	\$600	\$600	\$600	
OTHER	\$8,450	\$8,450	\$8,450	
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	9,050	9,050	9,050	
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	744,770	772,298	761,086	2.19%
1 GENERAL FUND - 300 EDUCATION				
SCHOOLS	4,401,622	4,971,664	4,602,272	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	4,401,622	4,971,664	4,602,272	4.56%
1 GENERAL FUND - 400 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	107,538	140,093	120,407	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400	1,400	1,400	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	4,500	4,635	4,635	
OTHER	96,900	193,376	100,276	
HIGHWAY	210,338	339,504	226,718	7.79%
CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL	8,000	8,000	8,000	
SNOW REMOVAL OVERTIME	10,000	10,000	10,000	
SNOW RELATED MAINTAINENCE	10,000	10,000	10,000	
SAND & SALT	24,000	24,000	24,000	
SNOW REMOVAL	52,000	52,000	52,000	
ENERGY	37,200	39,400	39,400	
STREET LIGHTING	37,200	39,400	39,400	5.91%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	950	950	950	
OTHER	1,200	1,200	1,200	
CEMETERY	2,150	2,150	2,150	
TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILI	301,688	433,054	320,268	6.16%
1 GENERAL FUND - 500 HUMAN SERVICES				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	6,000	6,600	6,600	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400	2,600	1,400	
OTHER	218,325	261,025	234,525	
HEALTH OFFICER	225,725	270,225	242,525	7.44%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	16,810	17,230	17,230	
OTHER	10,890	11,435	11,435	
COUNCIL ON AGING	27,700	28,665	28,665	3.48%

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	FY 95 APPROP	FY 96 REQUEST	FY 96 RECOMMEND	INC/ DEC
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	2,385	2,385	2,385	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	13,000	15,000	10,000	
VETERANS	15,385	17,385	12,385	-19.50%
OTHER	250	200	200	
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	250	200	200	-20.00%
TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	269,060	316,475	283,775	5.47%

1 GENERAL FUND - 600 CULTURE AND RECREATION

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	64,267	77,718	69,087	
OTHER	61,492	45,479	40,822	
LIBRARY	125,759	123,195	109,909	-12.60%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	12,055	12,356	12,356	
OTHER	15,770	15,770	15,770	
PARKS	27,825	28,126	28,126	1.08%
OTHER	2,900	600	600	
RED SHOP TOTAL	2,900	600	600	-79.31%
OFFICE	1,000	400	400	
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	1,000	400	400	-60.00%
RECREATIONAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	1,000	1,000	1,000	
RECREATIONAL	2,261	2,261	2,261	
COUNCIL ON ARTS	2,261	2,261	2,261	
TOTAL - CULTURE AND RECREATION	160,745	154,982	142,296	-11.48%

1 GENERAL FUND - 700 DEBT SERVICE

MUNICIPAL HTNG FACILITY PRINC	15,000	15,000	15,000	
SCHOOL BUSES PRINCIPLE	17,500	17,500	17,500	
FIRE VEHICLES PRINCIPLE	0	65,000	65,000	
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLE	0	0	0	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PRINCIPLE	0	25,000	25,000	
POLICE BLDG PRINCIPLE	0	69,000	69,000	
RETIREMENT OF DEBT	32,500	191,500	191,500	489.23%
MUNICIPAL HEATING FACILITY INT	2,250	1,500	1,500	
SCHOOL BUSES INTEREST	3,083	1,838	1,838	
FIRE VEHICLES INTEREST	0	15,000	15,000	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT INTEREST	0	6,900	6,900	
POLICE BLDG INTEREST	0	19,140	19,140	
INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	5,313	44,378	44,378	735.27%

<u>DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FY 95 APPROP</u>	<u>FY 96 REQUEST</u>	<u>FY 96 RECOMMEND</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>
TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN	2,000	2,000	2,000	
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INTEREST	0	220,000	220,000	
INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	2,000	222,000	222,000	11000.00%
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	39,813	457,878	457,878	1050.07%
1 GENERAL FUND - 800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT + TAX	163,364	162,388	162,388	
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	163,364	162,388	162,388	-0.60%
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	163,364	162,388	162,388	-0.60%
1 GENERAL FUND - 900 MISCELLANEOUS				
OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	15,000	15,000	15,000	
RETIREMENT	15,000	15,000	15,000	
FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPLOYEES	7,500	7,500	5,000	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	7,500	7,500	5,000	-33.33%
FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPLOYEES	32,000	35,190	35,190	
MEDICARE	32,000	35,190	35,190	9.97%
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	445,443	458,806	458,806	
HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	445,443	458,806	458,806	3.00%
WORKERS COMP.		5,000	5,000	
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	80,000	75,000	75,000	
LIABILITY & WORKERS COMP.	80,000	80,000	80,000	
TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS	579,943	596,496	593,996	2.42%
	7,039,229	8,220,917	7,678,801	9.09%
20 WATER & 21 SEWER - 400 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES				
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	80,027	83,943	83,594	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700	700	700	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	11,400	11,800	11,800	
OTHER	201,395	197,488	197,473	
WATER	293,522	293,931	293,567	0.02%
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	81,286	83,943	83,594	
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700	700	700	
ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,200	10,600	10,600	
OTHER	233,574	224,160	224,160	
SEWER	325,760	319,403	319,054	-2.06%
TOTAL - WATER & SEWER	619,282	613,334	612,621	-1.08%
TOTAL INCLUDING WATER & SEWER	7,658,511	8,834,251	8,291,422.00	8.26%

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 10, 1995

Article 1 transfers:

Transfer from:	Amt.	Transfer to:	Amt.
Stabilization Fund	35,000	School Dept.	35,000
Manager Sal. Acct.	3,000	Unemploy. Acct.	3,000
Highway Snow & Ice	11,400	Highway equipt.	11,400
Police Dept. Sal. Acct.	29,000	Town Counsel	15,000
		Police maint.	14,000
Veterans' Benefit Acct.	6,000	Short-term interest	5,000
Fire Dept. Call Sal.	3,400	Fire Dept. O.T.	6,800
Fire Dept. expenses	2,400		

MINUTES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 1995

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:00 P.M.

There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and upon motion duly voted, to dispense with further reading of the warrant and to proceed as follows:

Article 1. On a motion by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, John DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was voted to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other offices, departments and committees of the Town.

School Committee chairman, Richard Martin, gave a report on all school projects that are going on.

School Building Committee chairman, Michael Farrer, gave a report on the progress of the new school.

Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo gave a report on the positive progress the town is making.

Motion was seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

On a motion by Selectman Sparling to recess the Annual Town Meeting and begin the Special Town Meeting and then reconvene back to the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion seconded, and unanimously voted upon at 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 1995

This Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and upon motion duly voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant.

Article 1. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town vote to transfer the following sums from available funds to the following accounts for the fiscal year 1995 and that each motion A and B be taken up separately.

Transfer from:

A. Stabilization	\$35,000
B. Manager Salary	3,000
Snow & Ice	11,400
Police Salary	29,000
Veterans Benefits	6,000
Fire Dept. Call Sal.	3,400
Fire Expense	2,400

Transfer to:

School Department	\$35,000(bus/v
Unemployment	3,000
Highway(Equipment)	11,400(sande
Town Counsel	15,000
Police-Expenses	14,000genera
Short Term Interest	5,000
Fire Dept. Overtime	6,800

The Finance Committee gave a favorable action on this article.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

On a motion made, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Special Town Meeting warrant be dissolved

MINUTES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 1995

On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting and to proceed as follows:

Article 2. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 3. Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to allow each elected officer for his/her services in fiscal year 1996, the the following compensation:

Moderator	\$ 200.00
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	1,000.00
2nd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
3rd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
Town Clerk	15,000.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Chairman, Board of Health	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Health	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Health	450.00
Chairman, Road Commission	500.00
2nd Member, Road Commission	450.00
3rd Member, Road Commission	450.00
Chairman, Park Commission	300.00
2nd Member, Park Commission	250.00
3rd Member, Park Commission	250.00
Chairman, Water and Sewer Commission	500.00
2nd Member, Water and Sewer Commission	450.00
3rd Member, Water and Sewer Commission	450.00

Motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 4. On a motion Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Insect Pest Control in Fiscal Year 1996.

Article 5. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease in Fiscal Year 1996.

Article 6. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,477 for the Town's Fiscal Year 1996 assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School.

Article 7. On a motion by Selectman Chairman DiPietropoli, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$966.39 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

Article 8. Water and Sewer Commissioner Chairman, Mark Ansart, moved that the Town vote to appropriate through assessments provided under General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the bond issue payments of the Sewer Department in the amount of \$109,495.00

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 9. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 10. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 11. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 12. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 13. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 14. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 15. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 16. School Committee Member, Leonard Garabedian, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$50,000 to address major maintenance issues at the High School and the Park Street School.

Resident Elizabeth Meehan asked why this money isn't in the maintenance dept. budget and after receiving an explanation from Mr. Garabedian a motion was made and duly seconded and this article unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 17. On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 18. Water and Sewer Commissioner Chairman, Mark Ansart, moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Water Department Unreserved Fund Balance Account the amount of \$10,000 for test well exploration east of the Mill River to include 200 linear feet of 2 and one-half inch wells, delineation of wetlands and related testing and engineering.

No discussion or questions were asked on this article.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 19. Finance Committee Chairman, Donald Comastra, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Finance Committee Fiscal Year 1996 Reserve Fund.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 20. Finance Committee Chairman, Donald Comastra, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Stabilization Fund as provided under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 21. Finance Committee Chairman, Donald Comastra, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for Fiscal Year 1996 as contained in the Finance Committee report. Motion made and duly seconded.

Chairman Comastra read all department budget items individually.

Mr. Mark Carron, President of the Firefighters Union moved to amend the motion in the Fire Department budget by adding the sum of \$24,126 to the Salary column. This sum of money to come from the stabilization account. Amendment reads:

Salary Permanent	\$210,534.00
Call Salary	20,000.00
Overtime	24,000.00
Sub total wages	<u>254,534.00</u>

Clothing	400.00
Repairs and maint.	10,000.00
Prof. and Tech.	3,500.00
Office Supplies	3,140.00
Travel	516.00
New equipment	6,000.00
SCBA	3,000.00
#14 Dues	1,000.00
Bldg. maint.	<u>23,718.00</u>
	51,274.00

Total Budget	305,808.00
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A lengthy discussion ensued on the floor relative to the hiring of two full time firefighters. After all parties had an opportunity to be heard the Moderator requested a standing vote be taken. At this time tellers were sworn in. The results of the amended motion were: In favor:60 Oppose:67. Amendment motion defeated.

Back to the main motion which unanimously passed by voice vote.

A motion was made to amend the Health Officer budget by \$20,000.00 for Hazardous waste collection day. The Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action on this.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the floor and after all parties had an opportunity to be heard the amended motion was unanimously defeated by voice vote.

All line items unanimously passed as declared by the Moderator.

Article 22. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town vote to approve the amount of the \$514,700 debt authorized by vote of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School district School Committee on Thursday, February 16, 1995 for the purposes of financing costs of reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including costs incidental and related thereto.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 23. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of providing Senior Citizen Real Estate Payment vouchers for services rendered, pursuant to an agreement to be formulated by the Council on Aging and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

No questions or discussions were asked on this article.

Article 24. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Hopedale by adding a section 5A. to Chapter III as follows:

Section 5A: All town officers shall pay into the Treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 25. Selectman Sparling moved that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow, in anticipation of State reimbursement, a sum not to exceed \$254,153 for the purpose of funding road paving projects, incidental work, and any other expenditures authorized under the provisions of Section 2 (a) of Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994 and under the provisions of similar acts of previous years.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 26. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote to enact the following bylaw:

Non-Criminal Disposition

A motion was made, duly seconded to dispense with further reading of the article.

Any by-law of the Town of Hopedale or rule or regulation of its officers, boards or departments, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may, in the discretion of the person who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced in the method provided in section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The non-criminal fine for each such violation, if not otherwise specified, shall be \$25.00.

"Enforcing person" as used in this by-law, shall mean any Town police officer of the Town of Hopedale with respect to any offense and such other officials as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate, each with respect to violation of by-laws and rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of this provision that the following by-laws, rules and regulations are to be included within the scope of this section, that the specific penalties as listed here shall apply in such cases and that in addition to police officers who shall in all cases

be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

General By-Laws	Fine
Chapter VIII - Streets and Highways, Sec. 13	\$50.00
Chapter VIII - Streets and Highways, other sections	20.00
Chapter XIII - Private Fire and Burglar Alarm Systems	20.00
Chapter XIV - Leash Law (Dog Officer)	
First offense	20.00
Second offense	40.00
Third Offense	50.00
Chapter XVI - Regulations for Junk Yard, Junk Vehicles	200.00

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 27. Road Commissioner Chairman, Merwin Noyes, moved that the Town vote to allow any member of the Road Commissioners to receive the same hourly compensation as paid to a Highway Laborer for snow removal operations and natural disasters, and to be constables.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 28. Conservation Commissioner Chairman, Donald Hayes, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the sum of \$1175.00 received as filing fees in Fiscal Year 1994.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 29. Planning Board Chairman, Craig Travers, moved that the Town vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting the following amendments. Amendments attached.

Motion made and seconded.

Resident Elizabeth (Betsy) Meehan made a motion to pass over this article until the Special Town Meeting in June. Motion made and seconded.

A short discussion ensued on the floor as this is the first time that many of us here have seen this proposal.

The Moderator requested a standing vote be taken on this amendment and the results were: in favor 55 Oppose 32 Amendment motion passed. Main motion defeated.

Article 30. Library Trustee, Roger Edwards, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to acquire by purchase or gift, and to accept the deed of a permanent easement to the Inhabitants of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as the Trustees shall determine for the purposes of handicap parking and access thereto, in, along, and upon the portion of the so-called "common elements" of the Hopedale Professional Building Condominium Trust, which is a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated January, 1983, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in 7653, page 299.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

HOPEDALE PLANNING BOARD

APRIL 11, 1995

The Planning Board met on April 5, 1995, to vote on recommendations to Town Meeting on proposed zoning amendments. Present at the meeting were the following members:

Craig Travers, Chairman
Steven Sinko

Michael Farrer

Introduction

These zoning amendments that are being proposed at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting represent several years of hard work on the part of the Planning Board and the citizens of Hopedale. It began with the preparation of the Master Plan which was completed in 1993. An extensive public participation process was used in the preparation of the Master Plan, including the formation of several committees and a survey of a random sample of town residents. Out of the Plan came a recognition of the serious flaws of the Zoning By-Law to manage growth in Hopedale. It became clear that there were needs to both correct the technical deficiencies of the By-Law and to adopt new provisions that recognize the changing social and economic realities of the day.

Step two involved the creation of a new zoning map by computer using a CAD system. A local engineering company, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., was hired to research all map amendment that have been adopted over the course of many years and to prepare a digital zoning map that contains all of these amendments. This task was completed in December, 1993.

This is the third phase of this process. These amendments were drafted with the assistance of the Town's consultant, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. CMRPC worked closely with the Planning Board and members of other boards were invited to participate in the review process. Many meetings were devoted to discussing these articles and making changes to insure they are appropriate to Hopedale. These changes are intended to implement the recommendations of the Master Plan and to make the Town's by-laws consistent with state law.

A public hearing was held on Thursday, March 9 to receive input from the citizens of Hopedale. The Planning Board met on Wednesday, April 5 to vote on recommendations to Town Meeting. These recommendations follow.

Amendment Number 1: Purpose

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 1. The Purpose section contains the reasons for which a town may enact zoning. It is intended to more clearly state the objectives that Hopedale seeks to accomplish in having a Zoning By-Law. It will also assist the zoning enforcement officer and local board members in implementing and enforcing its provisions by making sure that proposals are consistent with the Purpose clause.

Amendment Number 2: Definitions

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 2. Several amendments are proposed for deletion that are now in conflict with state law or court decisions, and new definitions are proposed that are needed to either be consistent with state law or to clarify the meaning of other terms in the By-Law to avoid confusion and misinterpretation.

Amendment Number 3: Nonconforming Uses and Structures

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 3. Sections 4 and 5 of the Zoning By-Law are now very much out-dated and inconsistent with state law. It is necessary to bring the Zoning By-Law into compliance with state law and recent court decisions, and to make more efficient the administration of this very complex area of zoning. It will provide certain protections to existing non-conforming lots and structures and will eliminate the need for some homeowners to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval of minor alterations or expansions.

Amendment Number 4: Home Occupations

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 4. This section provides clear and consistent standards for allowing home occupations in residential areas without having negative impacts on the surrounding neighbors. The survey of Hopedale residents indicated a strong desire to be more flexible in allowing residents to have small businesses in their homes, and the Master Plan contained a recommendation that this part of the by-law be amended to provide strong protections for the surrounding neighborhood.

Amendment Number 5: Bed and Breakfast Inns

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 5. This section will create a new use to allow Bed and Breakfast Inns. This will allow some large homes to be converted to this use with adequate safeguards in place to prevent negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhood. The survey of Hopedale residents indicated that this use was appropriate for Hopedale, and the Master Plan contained a recommendation that it be permitted.

Amendment Number 6: Accessory Apartments

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 6. This amendment will allow accessory apartments for two primary reasons. First, it will allow family members to live in a separate apartment in a single family home; this provides a place for elderly parents to live independently but have family members close at hand for assistance, and as a way to provide affordable housing for grown children to live with their parents temporarily. Secondly, it will allow medical help to live in the home to provide round-the-clock care to those in need. Provisions are included in the by-law to make sure that accessory apartments do not alter the single family character of the neighborhood. This use was recommended in the Master Plan as a way to assist residents to meet their family obligations.

Amendment Number 7: Temporary Trailer Storage

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 7. This amendment is intended to alleviate a problem with temporary trailers. It establishes standards to allow storage in temporary trailers after a careful review to insure that appropriate safeguards are met and that the trailer is removed after the expiration of the permit.

Amendment Number 8: Residential Driveways

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 8. The Road Commissioners asked the Planning Board to address the issue of driveways to insure that driveways were paved at least ten feet from the front lot line and that design standards be implemented to insure safe access to and from the street.

Amendment Number 9: Sign and Light Regulations

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 9. This amendment contains revisions to sign regulations including

- * a technical correction if the home occupation amendment proposed previously passes;
- * new regulations for signs for political elections, only to ensure that such signs are displayed within reasonable time before the voting day and are removed shortly after the voting day;
- * a technical correction to make clear that the enforcement of the sign provisions is done by the Building Commissioner; and
- * an assurance to the community that these sign regulations will not infringe upon residents' right of free speech.

Amendment Number 10: Off Street Parking Area Requirements

The Planning Board recommends adoption of Amendment No. 10 by a vote of . This amendment contains provisions to improve the way parking lots are designed and built in Hopedale. It requires that parking lots be constructed to insure the safety of motorists, and that suitable landscaping be provided to minimize the impact of large areas of asphalt and to screen unsightly uses. Requirements are also included for handicapped spaces and that loading docks are properly designed and provided in sufficient number.

Amendment Number 11: Earth Removal Restrictions

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 11. This amendment requires topsoil to be stored on the site during an earth removal operation so that it is available to properly restore the site with suitable vegetation upon completion of mining activities..

Amendment Number 12: Administration

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 12. This section clearly states the procedures that must be followed in applying for appeals, variances, and special permits. The current provisions of the By-Law are out-dated and must be revised to be consistent with state law. This amendment will make it clear to both applicants and local officials the procedures that must be followed and criteria that must be met in order to receive these permits.

Amendment Number 13: Amendments to the Table of Uses

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 13. This amendment creates three new categories of nonresidential uses in order to expand the permissible uses in commercial and industrial districts for new economic development. Secondly, it corrects the table for religious and educational uses to allow them by right since this is required by state law. Thirdly, it corrects how day care centers are to be permitted since state law specifies that special permits cannot be required; instead they will be allowed by right with site plan review by the Planning Board. And lastly, it adds a new category for family day care home, which will be allowed by right in certain residential districts.

Amendment Number 14: Amendments to the Table of Regulations for the RA District

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 14. Because of the large number of nonconforming lots in all of the town's RA districts, this amendment lowers the minimum dimensional requirements to make more lots conforming. This will make it easier for property owners to expand the residence without having to pay a fee and receive the approval of the Board of Appeals. Since these areas are already fully developed the change will create few, if any, new building lots.

Amendment Number 15: Alternative Front Yard Setback

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 15. This amendment will make conforming certain lots that are now nonconforming because of a lack of a large enough front yard setback. It states that buildings can be setback a distance equal to the average setback of adjacent buildings. Also, new construction will be in keeping with the existing character of the street by allowing the structure to be built in line with other near-by structures.

Amendment Number 16: Noise Standards

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 16. This section is intended to protect residential neighborhoods by limiting noise impacts. It sets forth hours when noise can exceed established decibel levels. These levels are lower in residential districts, with higher noise levels permissible in commercial and industrial districts.

Amendment Number 17: Flood Plain District

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 17. After a visit by state flood plain management officials, it was recommended that the town amend its flood plain district by-law by making certain modifications. These changes will insure that homeowners with properties located in flood plains are eligible to receive federally subsidized flood insurance. The amendments are essentially "housekeeping" changes and will not materially affect town responsibilities under the program.

Amendment Number 18: Site Plan Review

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 18. This will help the Planning Board to carry out a thorough review of proposed developments in order to assess their impact on the Town. Conditions can be imposed to require the developer to minimize those impacts for the protection of the neighborhood, the Town or the environment. It will cover new development or expansions of at least 6,000 square feet or requiring 10 or more parking spaces.

Amendment Number 19: Creation of a New RA-2 District

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 19. This amendment creates a new zoning district with the same uses permitted as the existing RA district, but with much lower dimensional requirements, for example a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and 40' of frontage. It is intended to only apply to one part of Town, White City. This is a very densely developed area, with all lots very small and non-conforming to the existing RA dimensional regulations. This amendment, and a proposed map change to apply to White City, will make many of these lots conform with the by-law.

Amendment Number 20: Creation of a New Light Industry District

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Amendment No. 20. It was recommended in the Master Plan that the Town seek to promote new economic development opportunities and that a new zoning district was needed to accommodate the needs of light industry. This amendment strikes a balance by permitting certain uses by right and others, that could have significant impacts, by special permit. It also establishes reasonable dimensional controls and requires that 50% of the land be left as open space. It also requires a 100' buffer when adjacent to a residential district or property in

residential use. It is intended to make Hopedale attractive to new industrial growth while ensuring that proposed uses are in keeping with the character of the community.

Map Amendment Number 1: Change from RB to RA-2 in the Area Known as White City

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Map Amendment No. 1. Because of the very small lot sizes in this area, most of the lots do not conform to the dimensional requirements of the By-Law. Adoption of this change to RA-2 will make many of these lots conforming and make it easier for residents to make minor additions to their homes.

Proposed Map Amendment Number 2 has been withdrawn.

Map Amendment Number 3: Change from RB to RA the Area in the Vicinity of Dana Park Road, McVity Road and Greene Street.

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Map Amendment No. 3. This area contains many small lots that do not conform to the dimensional requirements of the by-law. This area is currently zoned for a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet, but few lots actually meet this standard. The area is more appropriately zoned RA and is in keeping with the character of other parts of Hopedale that are also zoned RA.

Map Amendment Number 4: Change from RB to RA the Area in the Vicinity of Hopedale Street, Nelson Street, the Mill River, and Thwing Street.

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Map Amendment No. 4. This area also contains many small lots that do not conform to the dimensional requirements of the by-law. The area is currently zoned for a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet, but few lots actually meet this standard. The area is more appropriately zoned RA and is in keeping with the character of other parts of Hopedale that are also zoned RA.

Map Amendment Number 5: Change from Industry to Light Industry the Area in the Vicinity of Plain Street, the Mendon town Line, the Mill River, and Mill Street.

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Map Amendment No. 5. This area is currently zoned Industrial, and part of the site is used for a gravel business (Rosenfield). When it comes time to re-develop the site, the area is considered

appropriate for light industrial use in this part of Town. The current Industrial district allows several land uses which would not be appropriate for this part of Hopedale. Changing to Light Industry will prevent some unwanted land uses that can be built here and will enable the Town to encourage a well designed industrial park that will have fewer negative impacts on the neighborhood.

Map Amendment Number 6: Change from Residential B to Light Industry the Area in the Vicinity of Greene St., Dana Park Rd., Mill St., Plain St., South Main St. and the Milford-Hopedale town line.

The Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption of Map Amendment No. 6. This area is the largest remaining tract of open space in the Town. Development as currently zoned would result in a large number of single family homes and would have severe fiscal consequences on the Town by adding new children to the public school system and requiring other services to be provided to residents. Changing to Light Industry will enable the Town to realize significant tax revenue from non-residential development. The tract has access from Route 140 to minimize auto and truck impacts, and public water and sewer systems can be brought in to allow development of office or light industry. Buffers will be required from near-by residences to lessen the impact on existing homeowners in the area. Finally, the Master Plan recommended that the Town seek to find new areas that would be suitable for light industry, and this area is considered to be the best available tract for this purpose.

Article 31. School Committee member, Leonard Garabedian, moved that the Town vote to authorize the school committee to obtain a temporary location for the conduct of classes during the completion of construction at the Memorial School, to locate the same temporarily at the National Guard Armory in Milford or such other location as the School Committee shall determine to be appropriate, and to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease for the same.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 32. Board of Health Chairman, Peter Mitchell, moved that the Town vote to accept Mass General Law chapter 129, section 15, allowing for the nomination of the animal inspector to be made by the Board of Health.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 33. Board of Health Chairman, Peter Mitchell, moved that the Town vote to petition the General Court for a special act to read as follows:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DOG OFFICER BY THE
BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Health shall appoint and have general authority over the dog officer in the Town of Hopedale. Said dog officer shall have and perform all the duties and powers and be subject to all the requirements and penalties applicable to dog officers as provided in the General laws of Massachusetts. This Act is not intended to substitute the authority of the Board of Health for that of the Board of Selectmen with respect to enforcement matters under M.G.L. c.140 s.151 and related sections.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 34. Selectman Chairman DiPietropolo moved that the Town vote to amend Chapter 15 of the Hopedale General Bylaws by deleting section 5 in its entirety and replacing it with a new section 5 as follows:

Motion made and duly seconded to dispense with further reading of this article.

Section 5. Membership, Appointment, Term, Removal.

The Commission shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A majority of said Commission members shall consist of disabled persons and one of such members may be a member of the immediate family of such person, and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of said Town. Terms of the members will be three years and staggered so that no more than two appointments expire in any given year. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration shall be filled for the un-expired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 35. Board of Health Chairman, Peter Mitchell, moved that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, s.53E½, to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the collection of hazardous waste under the authority and direction of the Board of Health; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 36. Selectman Christine Burke moved that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, s.53½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant which will provide for receipts from the South Ropedale Cemetery be directed towards maintenance and other operating costs and further the Board of Selectmen expend such funds not in excess of \$1,000 for the fiscal year 1996 from said revolving fund.

Motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 37. Library Trustee, Roger Edwards, moved that the Town vote to approve the five phase plan to renovate the Bancroft Memorial Library as described in the report produced by the Architectural firm of Haynes, Lisneck and Smith and adopted by the Board of Library Trustees. said report available at the Bancroft Memorial Library and at the Board of Selectmen's office.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

On a motion made and duly seconded it was unanimously voted to dissolve the warrant at 9:48 P.M.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 20, 1995**

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, June 20, 1995 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of money as may be necessary to be added to various departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995 or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 4 at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting for remodeling, reconstructing, making extraordinary repairs, and related expenses, to the property acquired under said Article 4, for municipal police station use, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way, Oak View Lane, and related drainage and utility easements, as shown on the street lay-out plan entitled Oak View Lane and Birch Circle, dated March 8, 1993, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon Inc., said plan and related description on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which the public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way, Birch Circle, and related drainage and utility easements, as shown on the street lay-out plan entitled Oak View Lane and Birch Circle, dated March 8, 1993, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon Inc., said plan and related description on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which the public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way, Spruce Circle, and related drainage and utility easements, as shown on the street lay-out plan entitled Spruce Circle, dated March 8, 1993, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon Inc., said plan and related

description on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which the public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Evans Road as a Town Way, as shown on the street lay-out plan entitled Lay-Out plan of Evans Road, Milford and Hopedale, dated November 23, 1992, prepared by Shea Engineering & Surveying Company Inc., said plan and related description on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which the public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Historical Documents Committee, consisting of a minimum of three persons, to be appointed by the Moderator, to collect, review, retain, reproduce, and index certain historical tapes, photographs, film, correspondence, and related documents, and to undertake related activities, said materials under the jurisdiction of the relations of a former town resident, and further that the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by said committee to perform their work, and further that said committee report their activities to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting the following amendments, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

The remaining text of Article 8 of the June 20, 1995 Special Town Meeting Warrant is identical to the language of Article 29 of the April 11, 1995 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.



TOWN OF HOPEDALE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 7
HOPEDALE, MA 01747

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 20, 1995

Article 1:	FAVORABLE	Specific dollar recommendations regarding year-end budget transfers will be made during meeting.
Article 2:	FAVORABLE	Recommendation is to add sum of \$80,000 to current indebtedness for completion of Police Dept. building renovations. Majority of funds will be used for the installation of jail cells.
Articles 3-6:	FAVORABLE	These articles all deal with the acceptance of roads by the Town. The Finance Committee recommendation assumes favorable recommendation of Road Commissioners.
Article 7:	FAVORABLE	Establishes an Historical Documents Committee. Funding level recommendation at Town Meeting.
Article 8:	FAVORABLE	Zoning By-Law changes for various tracts of land in Town. The Finance Committee recommendation follows the recommendation of the Town's Planning Board.

Hopedale Finance Committee

Donald Comastra, Chairman
Steve Tennenholtz, Vice Chairman
David Adamson
Ed Burt
Ed Caracino
Ed Overs
David Phelper
Gene Phillips
Paul Yanovitch

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 20, 1995**

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 p.m. At 7:16 p.m., Moderator Bernard J. Stock called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The meeting was called under the authority of a warrant dated June 5, 1995, with Return of Service dated June 6, 1995.

The Moderator began reading the warrant, and upon motion duly voted, dispensed with further reading of the warrant and proceeded as follows:

Article 1: Selectman Alfred H. Sparling moved that the town vote to transfer the following sums from available funds to the following accounts for the fiscal year, 1995:

Transfer from:		Transfer to:	
Town Hall Expense	\$ 65	Town Hall Custodian	\$ 65
Highway Salary and Wages	\$416	Highway Overtime	\$416
Fire Dept. - Permanent Salaries	\$554	Fire Department - Overtime	\$554
Fire Dept. - Permanent Salaries	\$373	Fire Department - Call Salaries	\$373
Fire Department - Alarm	\$204	Fire Department - Call Salaries	\$204
Health Insurance	\$5,000	Legal Expenses	\$5,000
Health Insurance	\$5,200	Short Term Interest	\$5,200
Health Insurance	\$500	Police Detail	\$500

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 2: Selectman, Chairman John DiPietropolo moved that the sum of \$80,000 be appropriated in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 4 at the Town Meeting held on May 14, 1994, for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the property authorized to be acquired under said Article 4 for municipal police station use, and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to, but not exceeding, said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, by the issuance of bonds or notes of the Town.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Article 3: Road Commissioner, Chairman Merwin Noyes moved that the Town vote to accept as a Town Way, Oak View Lane, and related drainage and utility easements, as shown on the street lay-out plan entitled Oak View Lane and Birch Circle, dated March 8, 1993, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon, Inc., said plan and related description on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which the public ways are used in the Town of Hopedale and the related drainage and utility easements.

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Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Moderator Stock asked the voters to please stay in attendance for the entire meeting to ensure a quorum is present for the remaining business.

Moderator Stock introduced William Scanlan, Community Development Manager, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, and Judith Cutler, Esq., Town Counsel.

Moderator Stock recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Article 8: Planning Board Chairman D. Craig Travers moved that the Town of Hopedale vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting 20 amendments and five map changes as printed in the Special Town Meeting Warrant dated June 20, 1995, with the following typographical error corrections:

Amendment No. 2.7 is amended by striking the words, "No more than four motor vehicles may be stored on the property, and all must be kept within an enclosed building" and inserting in place thereof the words, "No more than four **unregistered** motor vehicles may be stored on the property, and all must be kept within an enclosed, **secured area**."

Map Amendment No. 4 is amended by striking the words, "**Nelson Street**" and inserting in place thereof the words, "**Cook Street**".

Mr. Travers read from the Hopedale Planning Board's written Report to Town Meeting dated April 11, 1995, which was distributed to voters, and stated the Planning Board unanimously recommended the approval of all proposed zoning amendments. Mr. Scanlan, Attorney Cutler, and he responded to several questions put forth by the voters. Mr. Travers stated that Map Amendment No. 2 was intentionally omitted from the warrant by the Planning Board.

Mr. Lucio Vendetti moved to have Map Amendment No. 4 removed from consideration for voting under Article 8.

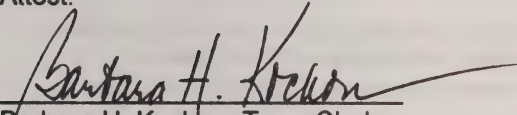
Moderator Stock requested a standing vote.

Motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by a standing vote (2/3 vote required, a quorum being present).

Main motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed by a standing vote (2/3 vote required, a quorum being present).

On a motion made and duly seconded, the warrant was dissolved at 8:48 p.m. Sixty voters were in attendance.

Attest:


Barbara H. Kochon, Town Clerk



Barbara Hull Kochon
Town Clerk

Office of
TOWN CLERK

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ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Fiscal year 1995 brought many changes to the Office of the Town Clerk, with the most obvious being the election of Barbara Hull Kochon as Town Clerk on May 8, 1995. Mary L. Draper did not seek reelection, and left office after nine years of service.

Although the town clerk's position continues to be a part-time function, a five-day workweek was immediately introduced after the election, and regularly scheduled evening hours were offered for the first time to Hopedale residents. This added convenience has proven to be very popular with the townspeople, and will be continued in Fiscal Year 1996.

Often considered the central information office for local residents and citizens at large, the town clerk's office is taking steps to communicate more effectively with the community. As a result, a Town Government Event Calendar is now routinely compiled and distributed to all Town departments, local newspapers, and the Cable Access News Channel. Town Hall meeting room space is now also reserved through the Clerk's office to eliminate scheduling conflicts.

In response to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which mandated states to increase the number of registered voters, provide integrity of the electoral process, and ensure accurate and current voter registration, the Secretary of the Commonwealth introduced the Voter Registration Information System (VRIS) during Fiscal Year, 1995. This on-line central voter registry computer database will eventually be accessible to all 351 municipalities within the Commonwealth. Hopedale received one personal computer, one laser printer, and training supplied by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to ensure a smooth transition to the system. Although data bank conversions are still continuing throughout the Commonwealth, and complete linkage is not expected until the end of the calendar year, the Town of Hopedale went "on-line" in June, 1995.

On January 1, 1995, Chapter 475 of the Acts of 1994, (the so-called Motor Voter Law) took effect, which made significant changes in many election laws, including voter registration, voting at primaries, absentee voting, and removal from the voter list. A summary of some of the more important changes follow:

- 1) The last day to register to vote for **ALL** elections is **20 days** before the election. The last day to register for a **special town meeting** is **10 days** before the meeting.
- 2) Election offices must remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the last day to register to vote.
- 3) Voter registration by mail is permitted (effective July, 1994).
- 4) Voters may register to vote at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, certain state agencies, and the town clerk's office.
- 5) Unenrolled voters who vote in a state primary **remain unenrolled**.
- 6) **In presidential primaries only**, an unenrolled voter who votes in the presidential primary does become enrolled in the party whose ballot he or she selects. The voter must fill out a change of enrollment form to become unenrolled.
- 7) Absentee ballots no longer need to be witnessed for any voter.

As a result of a warrant article, approved at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 1995, which directs all town officers to pay into the Treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office, \$1,313 was collected by the town clerk and submitted to the town treasurer for the period May 15, 1995 through June 30, 1995.

The town clerk registers all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents. The following statistics represent such events occurring during the Fiscal Year, 1995:

Recorded Deaths (Residents)	52
Recorded Deaths (Non-Residents)	28
Recorded Deaths (Females)	30
Recorded Deaths (Males)	<u>50</u>
Total Deaths	80

Recorded Births (Females)	49
Recorded Births (Males)	51

Total Births	100
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Marriage Licenses Issued:	22
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Dog Licenses Issued:	210
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Fishing Licenses Issued:	82
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Water Fowl Stamps Issued:	17
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Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps:	20
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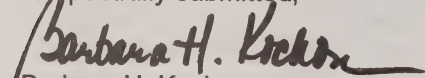
Wildlands Conservation Stamps (Resident):	73
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Wildlands Conservation Stamps (Non-Resident):	15
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Hunting/Sporting Licenses:	66
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The town clerk serves the residents of her community as the Chief Election Official, Recording Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Public Records Officer, Licensing Officer and Public Information Officer. Each day brings new challenges and many rewards. As town clerk, I am honored to serve the residents of Hopedale, and look forward to contributing in a positive way to the Town's mission of providing honest, sensible and effective government.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara H. Kochon
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Selectmen Fiscal Year 1995

The Hopedale Board of Selectmen are pleased to report that there were many positive developments in Fiscal Year 1995 that should serve as a springboard to future opportunities for the community.

One of the foremost accomplishments was a successful designation for Hopedale and 10 other Blackstone Valley communities as an Economic Target Area (ETA). Throughout last summer and into the fall, Town officials spent considerable time and effort in developing an application to be submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Business development for the ETA designation. In December, the application was approved by State officials, allowing the Town through Town Meeting to approve tax incentives for businesses interested in moving to or staying in Hopedale. ETA status also allows the State to offer tax credits to provide an additional stimulus for economic development and to channel discretionary grant funds to promote economic development. There are several additional steps to be taken to ensure that the Town takes maximum advantage of the tools made available for ETAs and the Board, with the assistance of Hopedale residents, is committed to taking those steps.

For the first time in several years, the Draper Complex is strongly poised for redevelopment. Senator Matthew Amorello and Representative Marie Parente, along with the owner of the complex, Phillip Shwachman, the Selectmen, and state and federal officials, have secured a \$50,000 grant, primarily funded by the Massachusetts Government Land Bank, to complete a Master Plan for the future use of the Draper property. The grant application, approved in June, should result in a completed study in early 1996. If the Master Plan shows a promising future for economic development at the site, the Land Bank has considerable funds available to help make successful re-use a reality.

The Board spent a great deal of time in fiscal year 1995 on contract negotiations. The Board reached closure on agreements with the Town Coordinator, Chris Gaffney, Police Chief, Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief, David Durgin, and Police Lieutenant, James Gardner. The Selectmen also signed a contract with the Police Union and the Firefighters' Union, the latter agreement culminating over two years of contract talks. A new union representing the Road and Water and Sewer employees, as well as a General Government employees was formed. After several months of negotiations, the new unit decided to decertify their status. In all instances, we feel the agreements represented fair treatment of employees and an excellent value for the taxpayers. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of the employees and their union representatives who showed grace and goodwill during the bargaining process, arguably the most arduous task we face every year.

The first half of Fiscal Year 1995 was marked by some political upheaval. After approximately 18 months of service as a Selectman, Bruce Pastorini decided to resign. At approximately the same time, a recall petition was filed against SelectBoard Chairman

John DiPietropolo in accordance with the recently enacted recall bylaw. These developments left two positions on the Board open for election. The voters in November supported Mr. DiPietropolo and decided against the recall by a sizable margin, and Mrs. Christine Burke was also elected to fill the remainder of Mr. Pastorini's term. Eventually, Mr. DiPietropolo was re-elected, again by a significant margin, to a second term in the Spring. The Board has enjoyed a professional working relationship among all members and has been effective in improving overall governmental operations.

The Board as a whole supports re-call measures only if they site specific reasons for the re-call, including non-attendance at meetings or conduct unbecoming to the community. The current bylaw allows re-call for virtually any reason. The re-call petition in this case was motivated by disagreements over Mr. DiPietropolo's stance on various issues, not because of any impropriety on his part. The ensuing election served to disrupt the community, painted Hopedale as an unstable Town for those considering re-location, and cost money. We cannot identify anything positive that was accomplished by the re-call and hope that in the future the bylaw is changed or used more prudently.

The Selectmen, as well as many other Town officials, spent considerable time negotiating the purchase of an office condominium building on Hopedale Street to serve as a new police station and satellite municipal offices after the 1994 Town Meeting approved funding for the purchase. Eventually, in early September, the Town gained ownership of the property. Inmates from Massachusetts prisons were immediately called in to paint the exterior and interior of the new building at virtually no cost. Much of the fall and winter was spent developing architectural plans and specifications for the conversion of the building into a police station. We met with considerable delays during the approval process involving the State Department of Public Health, the agency charged with ensuring that jail cells meet state regulations. Eventually, face-to-face meetings between Town officials and DPH representatives resolved the issue and approval was given to bid the project competitively. Bid documents were drawn up in-house to save funds and eventually a low qualified bidder was identified to perform the renovations. Unfortunately, adequate funds were not set aside to complete the project, calling for an additional appropriation to the construction account which was approved in the Spring of 1995. We are thankful for the support of the taxpayers and the Finance Committee in recognizing that the current police facility is grossly inadequate and that the purchase of the building was an economically efficient way to solve that problem. We also continue to applaud Police Chief Eugene Costanza's perseverance in seeing this project through to fruition. He has spent much of his personal time making sure the transition to the new facility is a success.

The Selectmen also championed a program to allow elderly tax credits in exchange for services rendered to various Town departments. The Hopedale Elder Tax Credit Program is modeled after a program started in Littleton, Colorado. It has been successfully implemented in Norfolk, MA and Chelmsford MA, two of the communities town officials visited to learn more about the program. Hopedale residents 65 years older or more are eligible to participate. In exchange for providing 100 hours of community service, the

participant will receive a voucher worth \$500 toward their local property tax. Town Meeting approved \$8,000 in April, allowing 16 elders to participate. Since that time, the Selectmen have been working with the Council on Aging and an ad hoc committee to finalize the program guidelines. The program has received favorable media coverage from WBZ radio, the Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Furthermore, Town representatives have worked with several other Massachusetts municipalities to help them establish their own programs.

In the winter of 1994, the Selectmen contacted the state Division of Local Services, a subsidiary of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and requested that they undertake a Financial Management review for Hopedale. This review, which the DLS has compiled for a number of communities, entails a complete investigation of general municipal government functions. The goal is to learn ways from DLS to make our local government more efficient.

We welcome constructive criticism of our municipal functions, and based on the number of hours the DLS has spent in Hopedale interviewing employees and officials and reviewing records, we feel that the DLS will come forward with concrete suggestions on how to increase performance and productivity. A public hearing will be held when the report is released to allow Town citizens to consider the findings and to ask town and state officials questions about the review.

The Board has encouraged various town departments to divide full-time positions into part-time positions where feasible and has restructured staffing in the general office employing a 12 hour assistant for the Tax Collector/Treasurer and reducing the Selectmen's Secretary's hours from 37.5 weekly to 12 hours per week. Not only did this save thousands of dollars per year in salary, it also minimized our exposure to additional expenditures for fringe benefits and actually provided a more efficient working environment. Our recognition also goes out to the Road Commissioners, who decided to employ a part-time worker. We are appreciative of the general office employees and road department employees who have given extra effort to accommodate the new arrangement.

The Board welcomed several new Town officials on board in Fiscal Year 1995. Barbara Kochon was elected Town Clerk in May. Michael Tusino was appointed as the new Building Commissioner after Brian Main resigned. Our sincere thanks to Building Inspector Michael Chaisson, who took over the responsibilities of Building Commissioner during the search for a permanent replacement for Brian Main. Mike's professionalism was noted and appreciated. Christina Holbert was appointed as the new Director of the Council on Aging after Joanne Dutra resigned in March of 1995. Helen Crossman, Council on Aging Chairperson, deserves our special thanks for acting as the Director during the search for Joanne's permanent replacement. Helen went far beyond the call of duty by putting in countless volunteer hours to ensure that the Town's elders were well served.

In addition to the above, there were several other noteworthy accomplishments and events which took place in FY95. Town Accountant Kathleen Garabedian attained the status as a Certified Governmental Accountant under the guidelines of the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors' and Accountants' Association. We applaud her diligence in gaining the certification. The designation is important professionally for Kathy and practically for the Town of Hopedale. Tax Collector Treasurer Christine Collins and Water and Sewer Assistant Donna Lamphere developed and helped implement a new payroll system, a meticulous and time consuming process that we believe will prove less expensive and more efficient than the previous payroll system. The Board met with several homeowners interested in purchasing town-owned land which abutted their property. In addition to the regular licensing the Selectmen oversee every year, we also worked with several property owners to re-license their underground storage tanks to help them become eligible for State funds to assist in eventual tank removal. The Selectmen's office has also worked with Water and Sewer Commissioner officials in the well exploration at the Greene Street well fields, a possible promising new source of water for our residents. We also worked with the Water and Sewer Department to implement the water ban, a frustrating yet necessary restriction which has been utilized by a number of area communities. An extensive grant application was filed with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners requesting funds to help make the library structurally accessible to the disabled. While the application was not chosen for funding, we laud Elaine Malloy's superb efforts in putting the documentation together, an endeavor that took up much of her personal time. The Selectmen also sponsored two information seminars. Thanks to Bernie Stock, we were fortunate enough to have County Treasurer Michael J. Donoghue visit with town employees to discuss the retirement system and benefits in general. The second seminar was held by the State Ethics Commission, and entailed an entertaining yet comprehensive assessment of the state ethics laws and the obligations of public officials under those laws. The Board also assisted the Planning Board with the adoption of the Zoning Bylaw changes, which eventually were approved almost in their entirety at the June 22, 1995 Special Town Meeting. The revisions to our zoning represented an important step in updating our zoning bylaws, which were originally adopted in the early 1970s. The Planning Board deserves the recognition of the townspeople for a job well done. We also assisted the School Building Committee on the major expansion and renovation to the Memorial School, especially with respect to the additional funding needed to complete the project. We also met with Fire Chief David Durgin several times to try to develop creative solutions for dealing with the increase in overtime at the Fire Department, and also met with state and local public safety personnel to determine how to provide E-911 services to the Town in the most efficient manner.

Additionally, much of the Board time has been spent on the following court cases. The most expensive suit continues to be the action filed by Joseph Menfi against several current and former officials, alleging civil rights violations in the form of excessive property assessments. Although legal fees have been substantial, and in spite of our efforts to settle, this case remains unresolved. Another unresolved case which has existed since 1993 was filed by Leonard Barrett, a former Water and Sewer Department employee charging discrimination with respect to his dismissal from employment with the Town.

The Town has also been charged with unlawful use of confidential information on an individual, relative to a robbery investigation, through the Hopedale Police Department. This case is unresolved. Town Counsel and the Fire Chief Durgin filed a suit to compel an apartment building owner in Town to correct fire code violations. The court ordered rectification of the problem, which was forthcoming by the close of the fiscal year. Several Appellate Tax Board suits were also filed in fiscal Year 1995 and remain unresolved.

The Selectmen, with the help of the Finance Committee and the town's financial officers, were also able to orchestrate a slight reduction in the tax liability for most Hopedale landowners. This resulted in the tax burden being slightly lower than the previous year's for most taxpayers, a major accomplishment. Additionally, with the cooperation of all departments and because of the clear communications with the Finance Committee and their hard work, we have positioned the town to once again in Fiscal Year 1996 level assess taxes. We are doubtful that many Massachusetts municipalities can point to such an accomplishment. Furthermore, the Town was certified with a modest free cash balance in Fiscal Year 1995. This is a trend we hope to continue as our financial operations and the cooperation of our Town Departments continues to improve.

The fiscal year 1995 report would not be complete without thanking all of the employees, officials, and citizens who make Hopedale a great place. We have always invited constructive criticism as a way to improve operations rather than negativism with respect to Hopedale as a community. A period of change seems to be taking place with a great emphasis on all that Hopedale has to offer. We extend an invitation to all residents to get involved in improving the community by serving in town government and/or community groups and by voting. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen invites positive efforts to improve our Town. Finally, all residents should understand that the Board of Selectmen and Town staff are at your service.



OFFICE of BOARD of ASSESSORS

HOPDEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS



FY 1995 ANNUAL REPORT

DURING FISCAL YEAR 1995, THE BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS WERE BUSY GATHERING DATA FROM THE VARIOUS "CLASSES" OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF HOPDEDALE AS PART OF THE CYCLICAL INSPECTION PROGRAM MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

THE RESULTS OF THIS PROGRAM WERE FED INTO THE NEW COMPUTER AND ENABLED US TO PRODUCE SOME OF THE ASSESSMENT/SALES RATIO REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

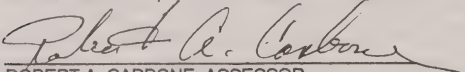
THESE REPORTS INDICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT WE NEED TO DELINEATE MORE "NEIGHBORHOODS" WITHIN THE TOWN, AND THAT THE PRICE TABLES FOR THE VARIOUS "STYLES" OF BUILDINGS NEED TO BE UPDATED. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING NEW AND UPDATED VERSIONS INVOLVING BOTH OF THESE CONCERNS, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THESE ISSUES RESOLVED AT LEAST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 (OUR NEXT CERTIFICATION YEAR), IF NOT FOR THE ACTUAL BILLS OF FISCAL YEAR 1996 WHICH SHOULD BE ISSUED BY JANUARY 1, 1996.

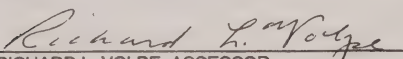
WE ARE KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY ATTENDING AS MANY WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, EDUCATIONAL CLASSES ETC. AS ARE OFFERED BY THE IAAO (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS), THE MAAO (THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS), AND THE WCAA (WORCESTER COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION).

WE FEEL OUR OFFICE IS NOW OPERATING WITH STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRODUCING THE FAIREST AND MOST EQUITABLE VALUES POSSIBLE AS WE HEAD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

WE WISH TO THANK THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, THE TOWN COORDINATOR, THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT, THE TOWN CLERK, THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR, AS WELL AS ALL THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STAFF FOR ALL THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FREELY GIVEN DURING THE PAST FISCAL YEAR.


LISA M. ALBERTO, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD


ROBERT A. CARBONE, ASSESSOR


RICHARD L. VOLPE, ASSESSOR

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

State Tax Form 31C

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Revenue

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

OF

FISCAL 1995

Hopedale

City or Town

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

A. Total Amount to be Raised (from IIE)	\$8,478,644.57
B. Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources (from IIIE)	\$3,156,273.00
C. Tax Levy (IA minus IB)	\$5,322,271.57
D. Distribution of Tax Rates and Levies ☐ Classified ☐ Unclassified	

(a) Class	(b) Levy Percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times Each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by Class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) + (d) × 1000	(f) Levy by Class (d) × (e) ÷ 1000
Residential	92.5283	4,392,380.25	218,094,500	20.14	4,392,423.23
Open Space	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	9.1509	487,514.75	15,073,878	32.34	487,489.21
Industrial	4.3292	230,417.10	7,124,500	32.34	230,406.33
SUBTOTAL	96.0175		240,292,878		5,110,318.77
Personal	3.9825	211,959.47	6,552,890	32.34	211,852.80
TOTAL	100%		\$246,846,768		\$5,322,271.57

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Board of Assessors of Hopedale November 16, 1994 (508) 674-2201

City or Town

Date

Tel. No.

1. Robert A. Carbone 2. Norman Alberts 3. Richard L. F. Jr.

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FY95 Growth

\$ 45,293

Date _____

FY95 Levy Limit

\$ 5,477,000

Tax Rate(s) 1. 20.14

FY96 Base

\$ 5,477,000

II. _____

FY95 Estimated

\$ 1,183,027

III. - V. 32.34

Receipts

\$ 144,051.63

FY95 Overlay

Director of Accounts

125

Date

11/18/94

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

July 1994 - June 1995

The Planning Board scheduled 11 regular meetings and 7 special meetings between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, one meeting with no quorum. Average attendance at meetings was 67%.

Mr. Harland Griffin was elected for a 5-year term.

Zoning By-Laws and Map Changes - Public Hearings

Presented and Approved at June 20, 1995
Special Town Meeting after being passed
over at the April Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:
Michael A. Farrer
Secretary
Hopedale Planning Board

**Hopedale Council on Aging
43 Hope Street
Hopedale, MA 01747
508-634-2208**

Town Report
July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995

The Hopedale Council on Aging has been established to identify the needs of the elders in our community and to address those needs through the provision of programs and services. It is the mission of the Hopedale Council on Aging to (1) enhance the quality of life for our senior citizens by providing educational and nutritional services; (2) provide access to resources as well as other programs and services; (3) to enable our senior citizens to remain as independent as possible by providing those services that will promote social and intellectual stimulation; and (4) maintain the commitment to provide for the wellness, dignity, and independence of our 1,033 senior citizens of the Town of Hopedale.

The Council on Aging is located at 43 Hope Street, in the Community House building. Our hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Many changes have taken place on the Board and in the Directorship of the Council on Aging during this past year. We bid a fond farewell with heartfelt thanks to two outgoing members, Mildred Carpenter and Frances Rae, who retired effective June 30, 1995, after serving a combined total of 21 years on the Council. Both have given so much for the elders of our community. Both Millie and Frances continue to serve our elders through volunteer activities. Millie acts as receptionist in the office of the Council on Aging, handling medical appointments, information and referral, and other clerical duties. Frances continues to act as escort for the grocery shoppers, as a companion to homebound elders, and serves on the Board of Tri-Valley Elder Services.

Outgoing Chairman and current Treasurer, Helen Crossman, efficiently handled all the duties and responsibilities of the office during the four-month absence of a Director subsequent to the retirement of Joanne Dutra. Three additional members of our Council resigned this year: Elaine Malloy, Buster Wright, and Dottie Brusso. Victoria Crossland, who served in an advisory capacity from the Griffin/Dennett Apartments also resigned her

post. Our thanks to these members for their time, efforts, and valuable contributions on behalf of the elders of our community.

New Council members are as follows: Christina S. Holbert, Director; Robert Hammond, Chairman; Jacqueline Woodford, Vice-Chairman; Mary Challela, Secretary; Helen Crossman, Treasurer; Joan Peas, William Wright, Jeanne McGuane, and Daniel Breen are current Board Members effective July 1, 1995.

Weekly activities include Meals on Wheels, which are hot meals delivered by our volunteers to home-bound elders. A total of 3,919 meals were delivered during this year. A total of 376 congregate meals were served at the Sacred Heart Church. Transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping was provided through Town funds as well as grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. A total of 1,588 rides were provided.

Approximately 47 elders took part in various fitness programs, including the Walker's Club, which meets four times weekly. The Senior Chorus meets regularly and presents four concerts during the year to which the public is invited. There has been an increase in appointments for the SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor at the Senior Room. Our Counselor, Mr. Clayton English, assists elders with questions concerning health insurance issues, processing medical claims, and letters of appeal. Recreational activities included sight-seeing and activity trips, card games such as pitch and cribbage, Bingo, and bowling, among other activities.

Additional services provided by the Council on Aging include but are not limited to Food Distribution, assistance with Food Stamps and Fuel Assistance applications, personal counseling, information and referral, and social events. Additional services such as Health Screening Clinics, Vital Sign Monitoring, Flu Shot Clinics, Home Care, Protective Services, Adult Family Care, Podiatry, and Ombudsman program are provided through the Visiting Nurse Association, Tri-Valley Elder Services, and other local professionals, such as Dr. Biancamano, Podiatrist.

A Volunteer Recognition dinner was held at the New England Steak and Seafood House honoring a total of 45 volunteers. These volunteers, through their efforts, time, and commitment, saved the Town a total of \$46,256.00 this past year. The Council on Aging could not operate without the help and commitment of our volunteers. Volunteers are always needed for Meals on Wheels deliveries, and to serve as shopping escorts, personal companions, transportation help, as well as in many other capacities.

In addition to municipal funds, the Council on Aging

received funding from other sources, including state and federal funding. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs funded the salary for part-time clerical help and a driver who transports our seniors for grocery shopping. This grant also provided funds for an outreach worker in order to determine the needs of our seniors and to ascertain what needs are not being met. These monies also helped to pay for the rental of one telephone line, a copier, and a typewriter.

Additional funding received from the Friends of Elders provided the postage for the mailing of our monthly newsletter, which reaches approximately 550 homes. The school department donated their time, a bus, and a driver to transport seniors to such places as Kmart, Bradlees, local banks, etc, for personal shopping. In-Kind donations include the use of space, utilities, and maintenance service in the Community House where our office is housed and where some of our activities for the seniors take place. The total dollar value of In-Kind donations and additional funding amounted to \$15,213.00. Any cutback in funding from any of these sources would seriously jeopardize the ability of the Council on Aging to provide programs and services to the elderly.

Objectives for the upcoming year include the implementation of a Tax Credit Program. This program will enable seniors to provide a maximum of 100 hours of service to a Town department in return for \$500.00 credit toward their property taxes. The Town has appropriated \$8,000 which will allow fifteen to sixteen individuals to participate in this program. It is projected that this program will be in place by September 1, 1995.

An orientation program will be planned for Council on Aging members and Directors which will include the Central Massachusetts area and will be presented at the Community House. It is anticipated that this program will help to develop a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the members and Directors and will enable those members to work toward a more cohesive partnership for the betterment of all of our elders.

Intergenerational programs are in the planning stages, and will be a major focus for the upcoming year.

Another priority is to secure a part-time paid employee who will handle the continually increasing clerical responsibilities in the office.

The Council is actively searching for additional office space which will enable the Council on Aging to assure all elders we serve that business can be conducted in a private and confidential manner, as well as being handicapped accessible.

Several potential alternatives have been presented, and the Building Search Committee will be actively researching these options.

We extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the Town departments, Tri-Valley Elder Services, the Visiting Nurse Association, Dr. Biancamano, Cathy Consigli, Director of the Griffin/Dennett Apartments, Marion Babcock, President of the Tenant's Association, Don Hayes, Superintendent of Schools, all of our many, wonderful volunteers, and all those who have given so much of their time and energy on behalf of all the senior citizens of the Town of Hopedale

Respectfully submitted,

Christina S. Holbert
Director

ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans Agent is committed to assist our needy veterans and their dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance from our veterans was first created in the Commonwealth. From an early start, many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate, your Veterans' Agent is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Agent administers to many varied entitlement programs and it is for this reason that your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a ONE-STOP CENTER. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Agent counsels, files claims, explores every avenue of resources and revenue available. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of their own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, with all being done in a manner that treats the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents is a record of which we are proud.

Your Veterans' Agent will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayers of the Town with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding to the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure that the Veterans' Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is therefore necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mastroianni,
Veterans' Agent

*The Bancroft Memorial Library
 Hopedale, Ma 01747
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 Fax (508)634-8095
 Email-stharing@novalink.com*

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1995

Statistics:

DAYS OPEN

243

HOURS OF OPERATION

28 hrs/wk September- June

24 hrs/wk July- August

REGISTRATIONS	ADULTS	JUVENILE	TOTAL
New Borrowers: Hopedale	147	111	258
Out of Town	36	2	38
Library Visitors	8,778	5,273	14,051
Reference questions answered	1,310	645	21,955

ACQUISITIONS

Total volumes July 1994	22,582	5,540	28,122
Volumes added	1,086	400	1,486
Volumes withdrawn	499	323	822
Total volumes July 1995	23,169	5,617	28,786
Total non-print material	540	404	944
Newspapers received	3	0	3
Periodicals received	63	7	70

CIRCULATION

Fiction	7,262	6,526	13,788
Non-fiction	1,878	2,109	3,987
Non-print material	4,019	255	4,274
Totals	13,159	8,890	22,049

IN MEMORIAM

The library remembers Virginia Griffin, faithful Friend of the Library. Ginny passed away in January, 1995.

Report:

The Board of Trustees remained the same- Roger Edwards, Chairman; David Williams, Vice-Chairman; and Marcia Sweet, Recording Secretary. Mrs. Sweet did not seek reelection. In May, Frederick Oldfield(Mrs. Hattersley's grandson) was elected to the Board. David Williams was elected Chairman; Roger Edwards, Vice-Chairman; and Frederick Oldfield, Recording Secretary. Staffing includes: Elaine Malloy, Director; Elaine Krammer, Children's Librarian; Anne Mattie, Technical Services; Dot Stanas and Pat Colcord, Circulation; Maria Abbruzzese, Page; and Robert Mei, Custodian.

A successful summer reading program was held with 125 children enrolled. Besides story hours and prizes, Caroline Ingalls(Marcia Estabrook) visited the library and demonstrated skills and daily routines of pioneers. Marjorie Turner, Storyteller, also conducted an exciting session.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Krammer, children's activities have been expanded. In addition to weekly story hours, the following events occurred. A Halloween party was held in October. Three Christmas programs included lunch with Santa(a special thank-you to Donald Stewardson for portraying Santa), a Christmans craft session, and a visit from Mrs. Claus(portrayed by the Director). A Valentine Sweetheart Picnic materialized in February, featuring Dorothy Suszanska as Storyteller. Mother Goose visited the library in May, perfectly portrayed by June Wright. June activities included a porcelain doll demonstration by Nancy O'Connor and a lemonade social to honor the visiting American Girl doll collection. Jackie Burberry entertained the 44 young ladies with song, and Mrs. Maurer read from one of the Samantha books. Each girl painted a face on individual rag dolls, made by the Director. Mrs. Krammer also had several classes tour the library, as well as conducting a series of story hours for special needs students. The Marjorie E. Hattersley Room was also renovated with new shelving and card catalog. Thanks go to the Highway Department for removal of the old shelving, to Jerry's Paintland for providing materials at a reduced rate, and to Bill and Ann Englund and Drew and Janet Jacaruso for assistance. Murals were painted by the Director. Mr. Krammer also built a bookcase in the hallway to house reference materials.

The Friends of the Library remain an integral part of library activity. The annual Spring Clean-Up was successful with Ross Mazzarelli, Nancy Hession,Rosemarie Trevani, the Robert Colcord family, Sue Ciarmicoli and sons, and Girl Scouts Elizabeth Mitchell, and Laurie and Carly Moniz. The Friends purchased passes to the Worcester Science Center, Heritage Plantation, Plimouth Plantation, Computer Museum, and Discovery Museum. Additionally, they purchased software, books as prizes for National Library Week, a typewriter, and a chair. Finally, they sponsored the Caroline Ingalls program, a Storyteller Seminar, lunch with Santa, and the Christmas Tea.

Adult programs are also popular. The Christmas Tea for Senior Citizens, our third, had an attendance of 97. The Brownie Troop of Wendy Sullivan provided centerpieces and candy cups. Elaine Malloy made tree ornaments. Each guest selected one to take home as a favor. Helpers included the entire library staff; Friends Ginny Griffin, Nancy Hession, and Karla Hopkins; Rosemarie Trevani; Peg Allen; and Paula Malloy. Thanks, too, are extended to those who baked. The Book Review and Discussion Group remains active with ten to twelve members meeting monthly.

The library continues to be a valuable place to hold meetings. Several Brownie and Cub Scout troops met on a weekly basis.

The library is proceeding toward automation of services. An on-line affiliate membership was established this year with CW Mars. A retrospective conversion of the shelf listings is being conducted ,

so that Hopedale's holdings will be included in the CW Mars database. This will also give us our own, in-house computerized card catalog. Under the direction of David Williams, a public computer resource center has been set up with software for word processing, publishing, research, games, and a music program with a 120-voice synthesizer. Both patron computers are linked to the Internet.

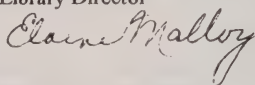
The Bancroft Memorial Library is blessed with volunteers. Dorothy Suszanska has continued to provide outstanding evening story hours. Bob Hammond, Roberta Simmons, Dot Cornaccia, Shirley MacNevin, and Nancy Hession have identified many old photos. Sarah Shonbrun has been indispensable in providing computer graphics. Finally, the Director would like to extend a special thank-you to her husband, Dan, for his countless hours of help whenever needed.

The Children's Librarian went to several review sessions and to the Mass. Library Association Conference. The Director attended numerous regional meetings, the New England Library Association and Mass. Library Association Conferences, workshops on grants, and a seminar on lawsuits.

Chris Gaffney, Town Coordinator, and Elaine Malloy, Director, spent many hours in the writing of a grant to make the library accessible to the disabled. Despite the fact monies weren't received, the cooperation between departments for a common goal was noteworthy.

Finally, the trustees and staff thank all who contributed time or materials to the library. The Hopedale Foundation remains a valued friend, one that isn't thanked nearly enough. They again supported the Friends, purchased passes to the Boston Museum of Science and Aquarium, and provided funding to make possible a photographic art show on the libraries in the Blackstone Valley.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Malloy,
Library Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Malloy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and title.



Town of Hopedale
Town Hall - Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

July 19, 1995

Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Board Members:

Please find below the departmental report describing the activities of the Hopedale Arts Council between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995:

<u>Grants Awarded:</u>	Hopedale Junior-Senior High School Arts and Technology Department for "Celebrate the Arts" Day -	\$750
	Hopedale Junior-Senior High School for Computer Museum trip -	\$416
	Hopedale Friends of Music for Boston Symphony Orchestra student tickets -	\$360
	Hopedale Elementary Schools for Pumpernickle Puppets performance -	\$220
	Greater Milford Ballet for The "Nutcracker"	\$475
	Bancroft Memorial Library for Hopedale Summer Mystery Theater	\$200
	Blackstone Valley Art Association for 37th Annual Art Festival expenses	\$300
	Dorothy Suszanska for PJ Story Time at Library	\$250

The Hopedale Arts Council also organized the summer series of band concerts.

Very truly yours,

Joanne Andreotti, Secretary
Hopedale Arts Council

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Annual Report: July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

MEMBERSHIP: Peter S. Ellis, Jr., Chairman
Nancy Greene, Secretary
Peggy Flynn, Treasurer
Mary Challela
Chris Gaffney, Liaison

The Commission held seven meetings.

The Charter was voted on at Town Meeting and reduced membership from seven to five members, one of whom must be a town employee.

We are now receiving moneys from handicapped parking violations.

Mary, Nancy, and Peter attended an access monitoring seminar in May.

Future Plans: To work with the Hopedale Foundation to make the Community House Handicapped friendly.

Respectfully Submitted:
Peter S. Ellis, Jr., Chairman

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. BOX 182
HOPEDALE, MA 01747
(508) 473-8120



REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

FOR THE YEAR 1994/1995

The Hopedale Housing Authority was formed to provide housing for the elderly age 62 or older and for the handicapped in accordance to regulations set forth by the Executive Office of the Communities and Development.

The Authority office is located in the rear of the Recreational Hall, 116 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747. At the annual meeting held on March 9, 1995 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Edward Malloy	Chairman	1999
*Alice Phillips	Vice Chairman	1999
Paul Bresciani	Treasurer	1996
Charles Germagian	Ass't Treasurer	2000
Margaret Bishop	Ass't Secretary	1998

*Denotes State Appointee

OFFICER

Katherine E. Consigli, Executive Director and Secretary

The Hopedale Housing Authority meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at 116 Hopedale Street. The annual meeting is held the second Thursday in March.

Anyone may inquire about elderly/handicapped housing by calling the office at 473-8120, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you call after office hours your message will be recorded and answered as soon as possible.

The Authority has submitted a modernization proposal to the Executive Office of Communities and Development for repairs to the Griffin and Dennett Complexes.

The Tenants Organization which was formed in 1990 continues to be very active with crafts, exercise classes, weekly socials etc.

The Authority fills its's vacancies from a waiting list with local residents given preference according to EOCD regulations. For more information on income and asset guidelines call the Authority office.

FINANCIAL OPERATING STATEMENT

INCOME

Shelter Rents	\$202,976
Interest Income	2,340
Administration	22,791
Maintenance (Salary, Supplies, Contract Cost)	53,350
General Expenses (Ins., Employee Benefits)	15,819
Utilities	79,972
Non-Routine Expenditures	19,197

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine E. Consigli
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION BOARD

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS
MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
FRANK PERRIN

SUPERINTENDENT
DAVID W. SCOTT

The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) now provides its services to twenty seven cities and towns throughout Middlesex and Worcester Counties. The project is pleased to announce that the towns of Stow and Blackstone became members of the CMMCP as of July 1, 1994. Several other towns will be considering joining the project at their spring town meetings. This growth helps us achieve regional mosquito control.

The project is headquartered in a modern facility located at 111 Otis Street, Northboro, MA. Tours of the headquarters or visits to field work sites can be arranged by calling the office in advance.

The project utilizes an Integrated Pest Management approach to mosquito control. This type of a program blends several methods and techniques with expertise, experience, and scientific research to provide the member communities with modern environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control.

Our public education efforts again this year were highlighted by the Mosquito Awareness Program offered to all elementary schools within the project. Project staff meet with students and teachers to discuss mosquito biology, mosquito habitat, and what they and their families can do to prevent mosquitoes from breeding around their homes. The program includes a slide talk show, handouts and coloring books, samples of live mosquito larvae, and the opportunity for students and teachers to ask questions.

The project's Water Management Programs continue to show positive results. By cleaning clogged and overgrown waterways, mosquito breeding is reduced, wetlands are restored, and water quality is improved. This form of mosquito control although labor intensive yields great dividends and helps to reduce the dependence on pesticides.

Areas where mosquito larvae are found are treated with BTi mosquito larvicide to prevent their emergence. We encourage the public to notify us as to any areas they suspect could breed mosquitoes. Field crews will investigate all such sites and treat as needed.

The project strives to handle all mosquito problems with water management or larviciding but recognizes that there are times when adult mosquito spraying is the only viable solution. In such cases residential and recreational areas are treated with either handheld or pick-up truck mounted sprayers.

The project's surveillance program monitors adult mosquito and larval population density and is the backbone for prescribing various control techniques.

The project's video "Working for You" is available to anyone interested in learning more about mosquito control and the services provided by the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project.

OFFICE OF



TREE WARDEN

P.O. BOX 7
HOPEDALE, MASS.

This year as in the past years many trees were removed. Most were sugar maples which died from stress due to salt damage in the winter and drought conditions the past few summers. Many other trees were pruned of deadwood and one large beech in the Town Park was safety pruned. Most streets where work was done were near the center of town.

Nine trees were planted at various locations. Some of these trees replaced trees that were removed, while others were requested by residents to be planted in the tree belt.

David Sawyer
Tree Warden

FY 95 ANNUAL REPORT

HOPEDALE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has continued to work to complete work to protect the health and welfare of the townspeople. During the past year the board has completed inspections of all restaurants, and nursing homes, as well as public and private schools where food is prepared. Day care and preschools have also been inspected. Follow-up is made as needed to ensure that recommendations made have been completed in a timely manner.

Twenty-five soil inspections have been held during the year. Public hearings were held to ensure abutters had an opportunity to voice concerns prior to acceptance of septic system plans.

The town pond water was tested on a weekly basis. Bacteria caused the closing of the pond only once and this was at the end of the season.

A DEP grant was obtained for funding of a Recycling Information Program. Information in the form of pamphlets and flyers will be distributed to homeowners to assist them to properly recycle at the curbside.

Over \$10,000 in revenue was generated and delivered to the General Fund. This money was raised through the inspection fees and licenses.

A successful rabies inoculation clinic was held for dogs and cats in April. Plans are being made to hold the clinic twice a year.

New member Betsy Sales was welcomed following the General Election in May.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter B. Mitchell, Chairman
Board of Health

OFFICE OF



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1995 THERE WERE 6 HEARINGS HELD BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR VARIANCES OR SPECIAL PERMITS AND ONE HEARING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT.

PAUL AND ELIZABETH SALES HAVE APPEALED THE BOARD'S DECISION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT AND THE CASE IS PENDING IN SUPERIOR COURT.

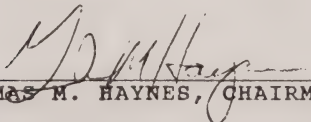
THE ZONING BOARD AND THE PLANNING BOARD COMPLETED THE UPDATING OF THE ZONING BYLAWS. THE TOWN HAS APPROVED THE CHANGES AT TOWN MEETING.

PHILIP LEMARBRE WAS APPOINTED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER.

THOMAS M. HAYNES, LOU COSTANZA, THOMAS STOCK, WILLIAM NORTHROP, AND STEVEN GALLAGHER ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THOMAS DAIGE AND PHILIP LEMARBRE ARE ALTERNATE MEMBERS.

WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE TOWN HALL STAFF, WHO HAVE ASSISTED US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY,


THOMAS M. HAYNES, CHAIRMAN



HOPEDALE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

Annual Report 1994-1995

Commission membership was improved during this past year by the addition of Brian Koch. Otherwise the pattern of activity and frequency of Commission meetings remained essentially consistent with the last few years as development has slowed.

The Commission conducted nine regular meetings and public hearings on projects covering five different applications. There were seven Determinations of applicability, one enforcement order, and one appeal that continues underway at year's end.

Although the economic climate has improved, the limited amount of available land for development in Hopedale continues to keep the level of activity low. New wetlands regulations issued create even more stringent requirements for developers and owners for property affecting a wetlands interest.

This is my final report to the community after twelve years of service on the Conservation Commission. During that period of time, the Conservation Commission has presided over the wetlands applications of eighty-five projects that span the entire recent growth spurt through the 80's. I am proud of the record of accomplishments of the Conservation Commission during this period and feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve our community in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Hayes
Chairman
Hopedale Conservation Commission



Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

P.O. Box 7

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

Tel. 508-634-2203

Report for Fiscal Year 1995

During fiscal year 1995, the Board conducted twelve regular meetings.

This year, as in recent years, there has been only a slight increase in the water and sewer customers in the town. This fact is directly related to the lack of construction growth within Hopedale.

Action taken by the board during the past year includes the following:

- * The Board reviewed plans for the following:
 - a subdivision final plan for Centennial Estates, which is a four-home sub-division previously approved and waiting to be completed
 - a set of plans for Oak Knoll Estates, which is a sixteen house subdivision off Hopedale Street.

WATER DEPARTMENT

* Once again the Water Department declared a water emergency in the town of Hopedale, thus instituting and enforcing a water ban on outside water use. The overwhelming majority of customers adhered to regulations set forth by the department. The water department expresses its appreciation to its customers for their understanding and cooperation with the department's efforts to conserve water.

* Within the past year the Water Department has completely rehabilitated the Mill Street well field. This process included cleaning and replacing laterals which had caused vacuum leaks in the well field. With the completion of this task the department is now able to produce water more efficiently and effectively.

* The Water Department's well off Green Street was producing a high iron count which caused some dirty water complaints over the past year. The Department is currently injecting a polyphosphate calgon product down well in an effort to rid the Green Street well of its high iron level, so all parts of town will have clear water.

* The Department has completed all of its water quality testing on its water from both well sites. The water met all D.E.P. and EPA Standards.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The main projects undertaken by the Sewer Department were:

- * In the interest of energy cost reduction, a fine-bubble aeration system was installed.
- * Massachusetts Electric also upgraded the Sewer Department's lighting system with one which was more economical.
- * The Department also installed new energy-efficient motors in its Cutler Street pumping station.
- * A power factor correction system was installed to help control power surges at the plant which would otherwise result in higher energy bills.
- * The Department removed its primary clarifiers and gravity thickeners individually and sandblasted and repainted them. These was done to the soda ash tank.
- * Mechanical seals were installed in the department's recirculatory pumps.
- * A new pick-up truck was purchased to replace the one owned and operated for the previous eleven years.
- * Fifteen bushes were planted at the Cutler Street station.

Once again, the Board's appreciation is extended to the employees in both the Water and Sewer Departments as well as other town employees who have provided assistance over the past year. A special thanks is given to Town Coordinator, Chris Gaffney, for this help and support throughout the year.



OFFICE OF

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 7

HOPEDALE, MASS

TEL. 508-634-2203

REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 1995

For the year ending June 30, 1995, there were a total of 84 building permits issued.

The estimated cost of construction was \$1,643,818*. The fees collected totaled \$10,364.80.

Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family	8
Additions and Renovations	48
Pools	13
Sheds	9
Demolition	1
Signs	1
Garages	1
School Additions	1
Commercial Renovations	2

*This does not include the estimated cost of construction for the elementary school addition, which was \$6,251,515 and the permit fee was waived.

I would like to thank the officials of the town for the opportunity to serve the residents Hopedale, and I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone at the Town Hall for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Tusino

Michael A. Tusino,
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

Report of Electrical Inspections from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995

126 Total Inspections Made

\$2002.50 in Fees Collected.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Albert J. Shimkus
Wiring Inspector
Town of Hopedale**



OFFICE OF
Board of Road Commissioners

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT FOR FY 95

The Highway Department took possession of 2 new pieces of equipment this year: a new 1995 L8000 Ford truck and a new 1995 "trackless" sidewalk tractor were acquired through appropriated funds. Town voters also approved the much needed repair and roofing of the Highway barn, which is now finished.

Several large projects have either been started or are now complete. Included was the assistance to the Park Department of manpower and equipment for the improvement of Parkland roads. The resurfacing of Rt. 16 has been started as well as a section of Greene St. and 2 sections of Mill St. Road work to Mellen, Warfield, Howard, Glendale, Newton and a section of Highland Streets has been completed.

Many thanks go to the staff at the Town Hall and Cooperating departments.

Respectfully submitted,

M L Noyes

Merwin Noyes, Chairman
John Farrar
Eli Potty



POLICE DEPARTMENT
40 DUTCHER STREET, P.O. BOX 101
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747-1241
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CHIEF OF POLICE
EUGENE P. COSTANZA

FISCAL 1995 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Fiscal 1995 continued to be a year of rebuilding and reorganization for the Police Department.

As a result of the resignations of Officer Jones and Connors from the police department it was imperative to hire two new patrolmen in order to keep our manpower at a minimal staffing of nine full time officers.

Todd Boldy and Mark Giovanella were appointed as full time patrolmen in September. They attended and graduated the eighteen week recruit police academy during the year.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, Bicycle Inspection and Registration, a Halloween Parade and Party for the children, a Christmas Party and Dinner for our seniors, a Christmas Party and Visit with Santa for the children, the Second Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Benefit Softball Game, a Children I.D. Program and a field trip to a Pawtucket Red Sox game, sponsored by our D.A.R.E. Program.

Officer Victor Best became the departments new D.A.R.E. Officer during the year and continued the program with much success. We would like to expand the program to include 4th and 8th grade students.

Once again calls for service to the police department have increased compared to the stats of F.Y. 1994. Our present manpower has handled the influx of calls, however if this increase in calls is an indication of times to come we will need to address the issue of increasing the staff.

In an effort to continue the Police Departments philosophy of Community Policing we established an Officer on Bicycle Patrol unit. The residents will see the officers on their bikes at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, and center of town. This type of policing gives us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program.

Work on the new police facility was delayed due to architectural problems, the state delays in approving the plans, and the bidding process. However during this hiatus other work which could be done at the building began with the help of several volunteers. As a result of the bid process and increasing prices, \$80,000.00 was needed to insure the completion of the new prisoner cells. If all goes according to schedule we feel we should be in the new building in October.

The Enhanced 911 service issue still has not been determined. It is my intention to hire civilian dispatchers to work at the new police station. They would handle all emergency and non emergency calls for various town departments. This would allow the police station to be open twenty four hours a day seven days a week so we may better serve the residents of Hopedale.

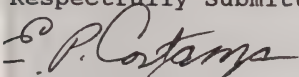
There has been some discussion of having the state police headquarters in New Braintree do the towns dispatching. I have some serious concerns regarding this school of thought. Some of which are; communications, cost factor, interpersonal contact, loss of service to the residents, managerial control, officer safety, and travel time from Hopedale to New Braintree. In the interest of all concerned I firmly believe that the dispatching should stay local.

The police department applied for and received three grants during the year. We received two grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety. The first was for \$5,535.00 to purchase bullet proof vests for all the police officers. The second was for \$9,617.00 to continue our D.A.R.E. Program. The third grant received was a federal funded grant through the Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice. We received \$14,700.00 to computerize the departments record keeping.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and loyal group of individuals whom have showed their support for me and always give 110% .

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. P. Costanza Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

<u>TRAFFIC ACTIVITY</u>	1995	1994	INCREASE / DECREASE	
Total Number Of Accidents	86	87		-1.2 %
Total Number Of Accidents No Injuries	64	65		-1.6 %
Total Number Of Accidents With Injuries	24	20	+20 %	
Total Number Of Accidents Fatalities	0	1		-100 %
Hazardous Motor Vehicle Arrests (Not O.U.L.)	82	94		-12.8 %
Operating Under The Influence Arrests	22	26		-15.4 %
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	2,045	2,275		-10.3 %
Total Number Of Civil Citations Issued	879	1,020		-13.8 %
Total Number Of Complaint Citations Issued	143	159		-10.1 %
Total Number Of Warning Citations Issued	767	893		-14.1 %
Total Number Of Parking Citations Issued	256	205	+24.9%	
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	3	2	+50 %	
Total Number Of Towed Vehicles	107	146		-26.7 %
Total Number Of Stolen Vehicles	1	2		-50 %

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number Of Investigations	2,448	2,040	+20 %	
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Adult	87	92		-05.4 %
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Juvenile	17	20		-15 %
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Adult	423	353	+20 %	
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Juvenile	67	42	+59 %	
Total Number Of Arrest Warrants Served	159	145	+10 %	
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	908	879	+3.3 %	
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Adult	1,154	1,035	+11.5 %	
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Juvenile	379	267	+41.9 %	
Total Number Of Recovered Vehicles	2	3		-33.3 %
Total Number Of Recovered Bicycles	27	17	+58.8 %	
Total Number Of Stolen Bicycles	28	23	+21.7 %	
Total Number Of Summons / 209A Served	226	222	+1.8 %	
Total Number Of Drug Related Arrests	57	42	+35.7 %	
Total Number Of Individuals Held In Protective Custody	27	35		-22.9 %

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Total Number Of Hours Spent On Dare	753	649	+16 %	
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Service	547	457	+19.7 %	
Total Number Of Patrol Hours	6,672	5,880	+13.5 %	
Total Number Of Selective Enforcement Hours	2,568	1,394	+84.2 %	
Total Number Of Outside Agency Assists	675	560	+20.5 %	
Total Number Of Training Hours	3,147	2,055	+53.1 %	
Total Number Of Public Talks	145	105	+38.1 %	
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Criminal)	469	401	+17 %	
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Civil)	325	185	+75.7 %	
Total Number Of Administrative Investigations	789	551	+43.2 %	
Total Number Of Calls For Service	24,459	22,447	+8.9 %	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Fire department for July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995.

During the year there were 604 responses by apparatus to incidents and a total of 1,143 services provided by the fire department. The department responded 24 structure fires and 7 motor vehicle fires which caused an estimated fire loss of \$12,200.00. Total call volume for the year FY'94 was 509 responses. This represents an increase of 18.5% responses over last year with the largest call volume increase in responses to requests for emergency medical services. In FY'94 a total of 196 responses for EMS were done and in FY'95 275 responses were handled. Or a 40.5% increase in EMS responses. A sharp increase in mutual aid calls was also encountered due to the number of suspicious building multiple alarm fire in Milford. As well as the dry windy spring weather conditions which contributed along with a lack of rain to serious forest fire conditions.

In September Engine #1 a 1961 International pumper was replaced with a 1995 1,250 gallon per minute Class "A" Pierce/Freightliner Pumper which has seating for five, 720 gallon water tank and 30 gallons of Class "B" foam at a cost of \$153,017.00. This truck was designated Engine #3. Also replaced was the 1979 non-walk in rescue truck. It was replaced by 1994 Ford F-450 medium duty walk in rescue with four wheel drive conversion. It is also is registered with the Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services as a Class "5" Ambulance. Which allows it to transport patients if a Class I or it's back up is not available. It is also equipped with a 7,500 watt generator and 10 ton front mounted winch. Vehicle was manufactured by E.J. Murphy Company at a cost of \$90,900.00. These replacement apparatus were badly needed and greatly enhanced the capabilities of fire and emergency medical services of the Hopedale Fire Department.

As in the past years I would urge that additional full time firefighters be hired to supplement the day shift Monday through Friday.

The addition of two additional firefighters would help to reduce overtime as sufficient members would be on duty to handle the majority of calls during the day. As well as providing a dependable first line of defense during the day when most call firefighters work out of town or are unable to respond to calls. Dispatching must also be addressed to ensure at all times calls can be answered as a matter of public safety. This is also a requirement for Enhanced 9-1-1 service being brought to Hopedale. These problems are not new and can only be solved through the hiring of additional personnel.

Throughout the year various training programs were conducted both in and out of house. In off site training through the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy 266 hours of training were accomplished. Firefighter/dispatchers and some call officers completed Command of Multiple Company Tactical Operations which prepares members for conducting command of fire ground operations. 540 hours of training on the company and department level were accomplished in house. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Blood Borne Pathogens training were completed as required by state and federal law. Central MA Emergency Medical Services provided training in Mass Casualty Incidents and Communications for a total of 1,243 hours of training. In addition a monthly video training tape series is made available to members as well as a basic training tape series and Incident command tapes. Collage credits are also available through the series.

As in past years fire prevention programs were presented in the school system in grades K-6. This years program was Emergency Drills in the Home and reached over 550 students. At the end of Fire Prevention Week a open house was held at the fire station with tours and new and old apparatus on display with ongoing displays and demonstrations by the members. The open house was attended by over 250 residents. As always throughout the year various in service training and lecture were presented to civic and community groups by chief and members. Again thank you to those firefighters who volunteered their time to make these programs a success.

On the horizon is a Bill for public safety building and equipment replacement which will reimburse towns 71% for capitol projects. The town should start to think about a fire station building plan to replace the 82 year old building to position itself for funding. This is a potential opportunity that should not be missed. Long term capitol planning needs to be done for the department. The ladder truck is 22 years old and third pumper is 27 years old. In addition basic equipment such as self contained breathing apparatus, hose and computerization should be undertaken.

The personnel of the fire department for the period was comprised of the following:

- 1 - Full-time fire chief
- 1 - Part-time deputy chief (full time member)
- 4 - Full-time firefighter/dispatchers
- 21 - Call firefighter/operators

ALARM RESPONSES

- STRUCTURE FIRES - 24
- MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES - 7
- MVA-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - 37
- MVA-ENTRAPMENT/MEDICAL - 1
- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - 275
- MUTUAL AID GIVEN - 20
- MUTUAL AID RECEIVED - 4
- INVESTIGATIONS - 119
- FAULTY/FALSE ALARMS - 34
- LOCK OUT/IN - 52
- ASSISTANCE TO TOWN DEPARTMENTS - 12
- BRUSH/GRASS FIRES - 5
- OUTSIDE FIRES - 8

GASOLINE SPILLS - 1

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS - 5

TOTAL RESPONSE TO CALLS - 604

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

INSPECTIONS/INVESTIGATIONS BY CHIEF - 354

PERMITS ISSUED - 384

VIOLATION/WARNINGS ISSUED - 26

FIRE ALARM SERVICE CALLS - 45

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR FY'95 - 1,413

ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS FROM FIRE FOR FY'95 - \$12,200.00

FIRE RELATED DEATHS - 0

FIRE RELATED INJURIES TO CIVILIANS - 0

FIRE RELATED INJURIES TO FIREFIGHTERS - 1

APPARATUS

ENGINE 2 - MAXIM, 1,000 GPM PUMPER; PURCHASED 1968;
FAIR CONDITION; SHOULD REPLACE (27 YEARS OLD)

ENGINE 3 - PEIRCE/FREIGHTLINER, 1,250 GPM PUMPER; PURCHASED
1994; EXCELLENT CONDITION (NEW)

ENGINE 4 - MAXIM, 1,000 GPM PUMPER; PURCHASED 1987;
EXCELLENT CONDITION; (8 YEARS OLD)

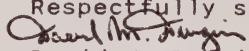
LADDER 1 - MAXIM, 85 FOOT AERIAL LADDER; PURCHASED 1973;
GOOD CONDITION; (22 YEARS OLD)

RESCUE 1 - E.J. MURPHY, MEDIUM DUTY WALK IN RESCUE 4WD;
EXCELLENT CONDITION; (NEW)

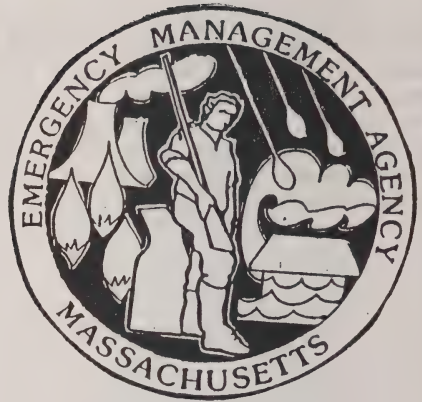
FORESTRY 5 - CHEVROLET K-20 4WD WITH 250 TANK AND PUMP;
1981 USED; FAIR CONDITION; SHOULD REPLACE;
(14 YEARS OLD)

CAR 1 - 1992 FORD EXPLORER 4WD; EXCELLENT CONDITION;
(3 YEARS OLD)

The dedication of the members both call and full time must be acknowledged for they are the Hopedale Fire Department. The team effort and diligence they display in the performance of their duties make the department what it is and what residents have come expect from the department in quality fire and emergency medical services. And thank you to all those departments within the Town of Hopedale who helped us to accomplish our mission and serve the residents.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Durgin,
Fire Chief

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ANNUAL REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Emergency Management Agency for July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995.

It was a rewarding year for emergency management in Hopedale as two important aspects of the towns Comprehensive Emergency Plan were brought to actual being. First through the Memorial School Building Committee a plan submitted by this office to equip the new school with an emergency generator will take place. This will allow the town a shelter facility with uninterrupted heat, water and feeding facilities in the event of disaster requiring sheltering. In the past no such shelter existed in town with an emergency generator, this posed lighting and heating problems in the event of power loss.

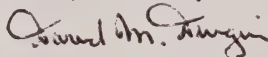
Secondly through Fire District #14 receiving grant monies a program was started to bring communities back on line with there Local Emergency Planning Committee's and provide each town with vast reference and support materials. Hopedale's LEPC had been inactive for a number of years. Also through this grant a Table Top Exercise was held with the towns of Milford, Hopkinton and Holliston. Towns which have expressed an interest to work cooperatively on the LEPC as incidents in each town can have an effect on the other. This brought government, police, fire, DPW, emergency management and various state, local and federal agencies together for the drill. This also allowed Hopedale to meet it's obligation to fully exercise the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Test it's effectiveness in an actual table top disaster involving various agencies who would respond. And submit documentation for approval to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Monthly Checker Board Drill's and weather warnings were disseminated through the fire department. Radio Officer Jay Appell also participated in the monthly RACES drills on the amateur radio network.

As in the past years I would strongly recommend that emergency generator systems be replaced/repared in both the Public Safety Building and at the Town Hall which also supplies the highway department and town fuel supplies. These two facilities would be vital to the successful outcome of a disaster in the Town of Hopedale.

A note of thanks to everyone and every department who assisted emergency management during the year and for their outstanding response to participate in the table top exercise.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Durgin,
Director



HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Junior-Senior High School Building

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

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Annual Report

Eight years of planning and preparation resulted in construction finally getting underway on the Memorial School addition and renovation this year. Despite some early delays that resulted from wetlands related issues, the construction activity on or ahead of schedule otherwise, and resulted in a year end announcement that the entire project was anticipated to be finished ahead of schedule on or about Thanksgiving, 1995.

The Building Committee membership continued unchanged during this past year as the Committee met on an average of two times a month in regular open meeting with countless additional sub committee and special meetings as specific decisions needed to be made about project activities.

Former Town of Hopedale Building Commissioner, Brian Main was hired by the Building Committee as Clerk of the Works, a role that serves as liaison between the architect, contractor, and Building Committee. The Committee also contracted with the Center for Educational Leadership and Technology in Marlboro to provide consultant support for the technology facility wiring, computer video and data transmission planned for the elementary school when it reopens.

Half of the ten member School Building Committee is composed of residents who have been with the school building and planning process since the Building Committee was first created in 1987. It is a tremendous relief to see those planning efforts finally coming to fruition.

As this report is written, the project is about fifty percent complete. It is expected that the excitement will grow daily until occupancy around Thanksgiving and the dedication ceremonies sometime later during the school year.

This has been an exciting and rewarding year to have been part of the School Building Committee effort. All of the members of the School Building Committee are hopeful that the result of these years of work will be a source of pride for the townspeople as it is for the members of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Hayes".

Donald A. Hayes

Secretary

Hopedale School Building Committee



DONALD A. HAYES
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leonrd Garabedian - Chairman	Term Expires March 1997
Richard Martin - Vice-Chair	Term Expires March 1998
Joseph Antonellis	Term Expires March 1996
Linda Luckraft	Term Expires March 1997
Edward Burke	Term Expires March 1998

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached "Report of the Superintendent of Schools" as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

ONE HUNDRED NINTH COMMENCEMENT OF HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1995

Angela Terese Abbruzzese	Karen Elizabeth Lovejoy
Damon Joseph Berger*	Jennifer Lyn Luckraft
Melissa Ann Butler*	Kevin P. MacDonald
Kristin Meredith Calarese	Stephen Joseph Marotta
Lisa Marie Cataldo	Ian Paul Marsh
Erica Louise Cedrone	Jason James McCallum
Grace Chi-Wai Chan	Christine Beth McGill*
Chester Richard Cleveland	Timothy Giles McMahon
Jennifer Marie Corcoran	Jonathan Eugene Meade
John Thomas DiPietropolo	Rory Melenkivitz*
Cheryl Lynn Dudek	Daniel Miller
Lisa Marie Dudley	Rachael Anne Mosher
Jason R. Ferris	Mark Robert Nogueira*
Rosselyn Figueroa	Timothy Noonan
Andrew Colin Gorman	Ryan Joseph O'Connor
Matthew D. Gould	Sarah Elizabeth Paulk
Kenan David Gunduz*	Jason Eli Potty
Emily J. Harvey*	Silvia A. Rayo
Mark Gregory Hixon	Kelly Ann Sousa*
Stephen J. Jastremski	Jessica Lee Stock*
Angela Marie Johnson*	Shannon Patricia Taylor
Michael Jordan	Michael Clayton Thiffault
Keith Hamilton Kearsley*	Andrea Lynn Thomas
Brian Kenton	John Thomas Worthington
Margaret Joy Latocha*	Jillian Marie Yanovitch
Heather Lynn Lemire*	

* National Honor Society



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 1994-1995 School Year

The 1994-1995 school year was an exciting, full, and successful school year from wire to wire.

With a change in election dates, the members of the Hopedale School Committee during this period will have the distinction of having served the longest terms in office in our school system's history. At those elections, Richard Martin was easily reelected to a third term, while Edward Burke was elected on his first effort at political office succeeding Jeanne McGuane, who did not seek reelection. At the annual reorganization meeting, Leonard Garabedian was reelected Chairman of the School Committee for 1995-96, and Richard Martin was elected Vice-Chair. School Superintendent Donald A. Hayes was, again, elected as Secretary.

The renovation and addition at Memorial School and the coordination with the Building Committee around those issues occupied our attention throughout the year. The construction bids exceeded the original estimates and required Town Meeting approval of an additional \$1M in October, wetlands difficulties delayed the project for about six weeks in November and December, but at year's end the project had recovered to an anticipated completion date in November, some five months ahead of schedule. Preparations for furniture and equipment bids and the technology bids were being made as the fiscal year closed.

Education Reform dominated the headlines both state-wide and locally all year long as the long awaited Common Core of Learning and preliminary publication of the State-wide Curriculum Frameworks were issued.

The school system completed the technology plan with a consultant provided by federal Dwight D. Eisenhower Technology Grant funds. At the Jr.-Sr. High School, the third phase of the technology plan was implemented as the Math/Science Computer Lab went on line in October.

A report by the Time and Learning Commission and action by the State Board of Education had implications for the school day for all students K-12 for next year as the Commonwealth seeks to increase time on task for every student. At the Jr.-Sr. High School, that action plus the three years of investigation into instructional techniques and time resulted in a decision to convert the school day for grades 7-12 to a block schedule format.

The School Committee approved a revised elementary mathematics curriculum and text that brought the mathematics program in compliance with both the federal Goals 2000 and the Massachusetts Education Reform Curriculum Framework and consistent with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics recommendations for elementary math programs.

After two years of research and discussion, the Elementary Report Card Study Committee won approval of substantial change in the elementary report card system. The change played to mixed reviews from both parents and students who had become used to the traditional report card format through years of historical use. Subtle changes are planned for next year out of the comments received from staff, student and parent surveys this year, but it is anticipated that the new system which is intended to be more consistent with the "developmentally appropriate" instructional philosophy will continue to be supported.

Financially, the Education Reform Act continued to provide Hopedale improved resources as the State honors increasing shares of its obligation. The Chapter 70 school aid, in the three years since Education Reform, has gone from \$600,000 to \$1.8M, an increase of \$1.2M net. At the same time the school budgets have only increased by \$800,000 which has meant that finally the State School Aid is helping to underwrite other expenses of Town government for the first time in many years.

The Town's total expenditures for education have it slightly above the minimum budget required, but still well below the foundation budget goal of the Education Reform Act. Our expenditures per pupil continue in the lower quartile on the state average.

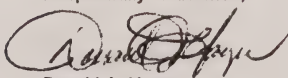
The School Committee members undertook a major maintenance initiative which was supported by both the Finance Committee and Town Meeting. The first year plans intend to start the window and door replacement and the repair or replacement of the roof at the Jr.-Sr. High School.

Members of the Hopedale School Committee also began a review of its standing policies intending to bring all of its policies up to date over the next several months.

As the school year ended, word was received that High School Principal Barry Cahill had resigned to accept a similar position on the north shore. A Screening Committee was formed to assist the efforts at obtaining a successor.

We brought the 1994-95 school year to a close with a strong sense of pride in our accomplishments during the past year, a sense of relief at the quality of programs and commitment to the young people of our community, and a sense of anticipation for the upcoming school year. We continue to serve our community proudly and with a deep sense of responsibility for the trust that our community has placed in its school system.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald A. Hayes
Superintendent of Schools



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**Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Pleasant Street
Upton, Massachusetts 01568-1499**

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 1994

The Blackstone Valley Technical District School Committee present this report to the citizens of the District. Clearly, the past year proved to be a blend of significant change and a substantial transitional period in local improvement initiatives and the statewide implementation of educational reform. A major portion of staff time and energy was focused upon interpreting and responding to the multifaceted aspects of the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act of 1993. The complexities of regional finances within the reform movement continue to be a priority for the District School Committee.

Governance

Membership on the School Committee was altered as Mr. John Fernandes was replaced by Mr. Arthur E. Morin, Jr. as Milford's Representative. Additionally the following members gave notice that they would not seek reelection during the November '94 election: Sutton's Representative, Mr. Kelton Johnson; Uxbridge's Representative, Mr. Jack Robarts; and Mendon's Representative, Mr. Casey Vandervalk. With the retirement of Mrs. Margaret Asadoorian of Whitinsville, Diana Pedersen accepted recording secretary duties for the Committee.

Long term Superintendent, Eugene D. Picard, announced his retirement effective February 1, 1994. Following a search conducted by an external consultant agency, with input from a representative cross section of citizens, staff and students, Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick was named Superintendent.

Sharing a portion of the school's governance was the highly valued input of the elected School Council. The Council has met periodically throughout the year and they have concentrated on specific areas of concern including the design of the school improvement plan, refinement of the student handbook, professional development, community awareness and adoption of the school's budget. The School Council consists of the following:

Parents: Pamela Gallagher, Whitinsville; Kathleen Fraher, Milford; Raymond Quinn, Hopedale
Teachers: RoseMary Natelson, Milford; Lawrence Bonetti, Milford
Advisory Committee: John Gauvin, Sutton
BVVRSD Administrator: John LeBrun, William Mahoney
Student: Mark LeBeouf, Northbridge

Community Service

Valley Tech staff continue to assign a high priority to work projects which assist member towns and at the same time provide students with meaningful job experience in their chosen field of endeavor. The following historical summary highlights several of the cost effective projects completed within member communities.

Automotive Technology

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
DOUGLAS	State Forest - rebuild 4 wheel drive truck transmission	\$ 1,400
DOUGLAS	State Park - repair starter	\$ 100
UPTON	Police cruisers - maintain vehicles	\$ 500
UPTON	Police cruisers - simple repairs	\$ 300

Auto Body

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
DOUGLAS	Complete restoration of (2) fire trucks	\$18,000
BELLINGHAM	Repaint fire truck and dump truck	\$ 9,000
HOPEDALE	Repaint (2) dump trucks and portable compressor	\$10,000
SUTTON	Paint Fire and Highway Dept. cars	\$ 5,000
NORTHBRIDGE	Paint and repair (2) police cruisers	\$ 5,000
MENDON	Paint Highway Dept. pickup truck	\$ 1,500
UXBRIDGE	Town pickup truck restoration	\$ 1,500
STATE PARKS	Paint (3) pickups, (3) passenger cars and (1) horse trailer	\$15,000

Culinary Arts

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
UXBRIDGE	Food preparation for "Open House"	\$ 250
BLACKSTONE	Food preparation for "Firefighters"	\$ 300
BLACKSTONE	Town's "Anniversary Cake"	\$ 150

Drafting

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
UPTON	Upton Fire Dept. - Fire Prevention Mapping for apartment complex	\$ 500
UXBRIDGE	Uxbridge Town Hall - handicap access ramp design	\$ 2,500
UXBRIDGE	Uxbridge Selectmen - access survey for town buildings	\$10,000
UXBRIDGE	Parks Dept. - layout for Gray Rock Park	\$ 1,000

Drafting (continued)

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
NORTHBRIDGE	St. Patricks - cemetery layout	\$ 500
BLACKSTONE	Garden Club - Gazebo Foundation plan	\$ 150
NORTHBRIDGE	American Legion - cemetery layout	\$ 2,500
UPTON	Water Dept. - water and sewer mapping	\$ 2,000

Electrical

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
SUTTON	Library - complete rewiring	\$ 40,000
UXBRIDGE	District Courthouse - rewiring	\$ 10,000
MENDON	Library - remodel	\$ 15,000
UPTON	Christmas Lights - temporary service	\$ 1,000
COMBINED MEMBER TOWNS	- energy savings projects	\$100,000

Graphic Arts

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
UPTON	Recycling Committee - flyers	\$ 40
UXBRIDGE	Board of Selectmen - business cards	\$ 15
MILLBURY	Public Schools - student handbooks	\$ 400
UXBRIDGE	Board of Selectmen - #10 envelopes	\$ 80
MILLVILLE	Town of Millville - letterheads	\$ 45
GRAFTON	Schools - curriculum booklets	\$ 100
UXBRIDGE	Board of Selectmen - invitations	\$ 50
MENDON	Town of Mendon - dog licenses	\$ 100
UXBRIDGE	Town of Uxbridge - letterheads	\$ 70
MENDON	Police Dept. - police manuals	\$ 1,000

HVAC

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
MENDON	Housing Authority - recondition refrigerators	\$ 400

Health Service

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Value</u>
MILFORD	Kindergarten - assist teachers with a myriad of projects and assignments	\$15,600

Machine Technology

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>		<u>Value</u>
UPTON	Highway Dept.	-	repair trucks \$ 150
DOUGLAS	State	-	park tables, seats, misc. parts \$ 400
UXBRIDGE	State Highway	-	sanding trucks and plows \$ 1,000
UXBRIDGE	State Highway	-	gate parts \$ 100
UPTON	Water Dept.	-	repair jobs \$ 200

Metal Fabrication

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>		<u>Value</u>
UXBRIDGE	Parks Dept	-	park gates \$ 400
HOPEDALE	Parks Dept.	-	park gates \$ 2,500
UPTON	Parks Dept.	-	park gates \$ 500
UXBRIDGE	Town Hall	-	shelving \$ 100
MILFORD	Historical Society	-	cannon wheels \$ 200
STATE HIGHWAY		-	repair sanding trucks \$ 1,500
MENDON	Library	-	railings \$ 500

Office Technology

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>		<u>Value</u>
GRAFTON	Basketball Team	-	flyers \$ 300
UPTON	Police Dept.	-	flyers \$ 200

Painting and Decorating

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>		<u>Value</u>
NORTHBRIDGE	Community Center	-	signs for events/refinish table \$ 1,400
UPTON	Housing	-	signs for events \$ 300
UPTON	Police Dept.	-	signs, paint firing range, etc. \$ 300
HOPEDALE	Various town offices	-	signs, etc. \$ 1,000
MILFORD	Various town offices	-	signs, furniture, etc. \$ 500
UXBRIDGE	Various town offices	-	signs, furniture, etc. \$ 200

Plumbing

<u>Community</u>	<u>Activity/Project</u>		<u>Value</u>
SUTTON	Town Library	- complete plumbing and heating	\$ 6,525
BELLINGHAM	Keough School	- complete plumbing and heating	\$ 36,000

Budget and Finance

FY94 BUDGET AND FINANCE INFORMATION

Education Reform had a significant impact on the FY94 budget for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District. The FY94 Net School Spending requirement for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$5,363,286. This was funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$3,412,404 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen (13) member towns of \$1,950,881. In the operation portion of the budget, but outside net school spending areas the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District also had a budget of \$375,000 for transportation and \$25,000 for the acquisition of fixed assets. The total operation budget for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$5,758,774.

In addition to the Minimum Contribution totaling \$1,950,881 the thirteen (13) member towns supported the transportation of the students with a transportation assessment of \$89,448, and the member towns supported fixed asset acquisition with an assessment of \$25,000. Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District helped to reduce the impact of Ed Reform to the member towns by applying the remaining amount reserved for expenditures from its Unreserved Fund Balance (E and D, or "free cash"), \$353,637. The transportation assessment, fixed asset assessment, and the use of UFB was allocated among the thirteen (13) member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's debt obligation for FY94 was \$378,140. The debt obligation was funded through state reimbursement revenue of \$107,715 and an assessment to the thirteen (13) member towns of \$270,425 which was allocated among the member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

Grants

Although Massachusetts in general continued to experience a decline in allocations of federal vocational technical monies, Valley Tech personnel continue to vigorously pursue external grant funds. Successful grant projects were secured for the following:

PROGRAM TITLE	FY94 GRANTS AWARDED
SPED 89-313 In-State	\$ 3,675.00
SPED 94-142 Local School Grant	\$ 59,670.00
Chapter II Library ECIA Distribution	\$ 3,533.00
Tech Training Math and Science	\$ 1,878.00
Chapter I Distribution	\$ 21,125.00
Drug Free Schools Distribution	\$ 2,676.00
Smoking Cessation	\$ 27,381.00
Occ. Ed. - Vocational Skills (Perkins)	\$ 147,270.00
Bureau of School Nutrition Aid-In-Kind (commodities)	\$ 10,796.00
National School Lunch Program	\$ 34,931.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$ 312,935.00

Faculty and Staff

Valley Tech continues to support an exceptionally dedicated and talented cadre of staff. The current staffing pattern consists of: (1) Superintendent-Director; (1) Principal; (7) Administrators (36) Vocational Technical Teachers; (22) Academic Teachers; (5) Special Education Teachers; (7) Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides; (1) Adjustment Counselor; (3) Guidance Counselors; (1) Library/Media Specialist; (1) Library Aide; (2) School Nurses; (6) Custodial/Maintenance Personnel; (1) School Year Matron; (11) Food Service Personnel; (3) Full-time Secretaries; (5) Part-time Clerks; and (2) Business Office Specialists and a myriad of grant personnel.

Notably, professional staff adopted an annual professional development process which includes sixty hours of advance training outside of the traditional workday. This standard is five times the minimum requirement established by the Department of Education. Not surprisingly, the Commission of Education complimented the staff for their commitment to excellence.

Summarized Improvements

The Committee is very pleased with the progress which has been made in strengthening the quality of Valley Tech's education. The Committee is confident that it has done its very best to provide the young citizens of the District with a technical and academic background consistent with the school's stated philosophy and goals.

While much remains to be accomplished, the following illustrates recent improvements:

- ◆ Established an arena of increased communication and subsequent trust via regular leadership team meetings, staff breakfast and other forums and daily visitations to classrooms and shop laboratories.
- ◆ Developed a system wide strategic planning process and criteria for improvement with designated performance indicators.
- ◆ Extended public testimony at legislative and other legal hearings impacting vocational technical education.
- ◆ Implemented collaboration planning with sending school superintendents, guidance, special needs and other representatives which fosters new or improved programs, services and resources.
- ◆ Participated actively within statewide professional organizations including MAVA, PDK, ASCD, MVA and others.
- ◆ Identified, and in several cases rectified, professional staff credentialing issues concerning certification and/or approval.
- ◆ Designed an inclusionary candidate screening process which empowered staff to contribute in ranking the most qualified person for filling vacancies.
- ◆ Utilized the above reference process to fill the following positions:
 - a. Nurse
 - b. Permanent Vocational/Technical Substitute
 - c. Library/Media Aide
 - d. Chapter-I Aide
 - e. Clerical Typist/Co-op
 - f. Evening School/Adult Education Assistant
 - g. SPED Adjustment Counselor
 - h. Systems Analyst
 - i. Grant Writer
 - j. Public Relations Specialist

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Examined current collective bargaining contracts and devised preliminary suggestions to improve/revise future collective bargaining language.
- ◆ Within sub committee format designed, presented and disseminated an FY95 budget incorporating all aspects of educational reform.
- ◆ Initiated various (e.g. transportation, computers) bid design specifications and discussions with vendors/other specialists which led to improved and cost effective services.
- ◆ Established an expanded network for professional development.
- ◆ Developed strategies which led to the resolution of negotiation concerns for the current Teachers Association agreement.
- ◆ Fostered and designed a series of informational calendar style (e.g. school committee meetings, in house activities, etc.) reports to strengthen awareness and planning.
- ◆ Recruited a team of Total Quality Management specialists from the private sector to provide in-service training to staff.
- ◆ Expanded and updated directories and other data access reports to enable others to plan cohesively.
- ◆ Introduced new stationery and other report format techniques.
- ◆ Created new "positive alternatives" to (external) student suspensions process and modified spacial requirements to address this concept.
- ◆ Initiated on site college undergraduate and graduate courses.
- ◆ Established Technology Task Force to assist in coordinating system wide technology and maximizing limited fiscal resources.
- ◆ Met with numerous sub-committees and contributed to procedures which strengthen program offerings and support services to students.
- ◆ Directed a system wide curricular revision effort using the concepts and priorities compiled in the SCANS Report.
- ◆ Investigated several externally funded grant support programs and ventures with national, state, regional and local agents.

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Worked closely with Tech Prep contact people and college representatives in the expansion of articulation agreements for Valley Tech youth.
- ◆ Embarked upon a plan to discover and improve the day-to-day operations, appearance and impressions of Valley Tech.
- ◆ Participated actively in Advisory Committees, SPED- PAC Committees, School Council and other planning sessions.
- ◆ Revamped the school's special education admissions process.
- ◆ Designed a new negotiation process for administrative personnel.
- ◆ Conducted school committee meetings and completed assigned tasks originating via the school committee's decision making process.
- ◆ Developed accreditation visit responses to New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- ◆ Made inroads in establishing a nationally networked "pilot" site for EXCEL advance learning training and computerized resources.
- ◆ Investigated the potential for establishing additional Chapter 74 program offerings which reduce out-of-district tuitions and ultimately expand training opportunities.
- ◆ Expanded student recognition opportunities including portfolios, Girls State, honor roll, scholarship and others.
- ◆ Commenced planning of distributive education store, school based credit union, professional development/assessment center, summer offerings and other ancillary-learning options.
- ◆ Examined building and property maintenance program and subsequently initiated changes in personnel and laboratory layout.
- ◆ Proposed elderly lunch feeding programs and explored opportunities for such.
- ◆ Investigated additional affiliations with Chamber of Commerces, area hospitals, industry, local school partnerships and others.
- ◆ Analyzed and commenced corrective strategies for improving classroom instruction in concert with members of the leadership team.

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Worked closely with the vocational coordinator and others in securing a variety of donated tools including Boice crane jointer (\$2000), kitchen utensils (\$350), HVAC boiler (\$1500), Fitchburg State College Consultant Services (\$2000), ice cream (\$850), robotics, etc.
- ◆ Streamlined and/or clarified several fiscal processing procedures with the assistance of the Business Manager and appropriate regulatory agencies.
- ◆ Participated in radio interviews on WMRC and UCTV to promote more positive image for vocational technical education.
- ◆ Discussed additional cable TV communication options with area cable TV entrepreneurs.
- ◆ Posted job descriptions and hired Vocational Team Leaders through a screening process.
- ◆ Conducted a public hearing on "School Choice" and devised a position paper which led to a decision not to participate in Choice.
- ◆ Researched and recommended participation in the Early Retirement Incentive Program which was subsequently approved.
- ◆ Contributed to a process whereby 233 new students have been accepted for school year 94-95.
- ◆ Proposed and organized a new Special Needs Program.
- ◆ With the help of representatives from Polaroid Corp., hosted Total Quality Management training workshops.
- ◆ Arranged for linkage with apprenticeship training.
- ◆ Met with representatives of the advisory committee to refine the process of reporting future recommendations.
- ◆ With the capable assistance of Dr. Ron Linari, secured a Job Employment Partnership and Training Act \$60,000 grant.
- ◆ Established a Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications satellite dish hookup.
- ◆ Investigated new phone system.

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Met with Johnson and Wales staff to pilot a graduate intern at Valley Tech. during next year.
- ◆ Examined a variety of potential facility changes to enhance curriculum within cost effective approaches. With input from Teachers' Association, initiated a consolidated teachers' room, converted the former teachers' room into instructional space, developed feasibility plans for adding classroom space within machine technology lab and mechanical drawing lab.
- ◆ Increased public relations.
- ◆ Researched numerous system-wide computer networking options.
- ◆ Confirmed new articulation arrangements with colleges and area businesses.
- ◆ Promoted new partnerships in robotics, school-to-work transition, global education and other initiatives.
- ◆ Met with local citizens groups to assist in school construction ventures.
- ◆ Promoted a variety of independent professional development seminar/workshop activities by staff members.
- ◆ Met with State House based legislative agents in exploring programs/services for senior citizens from the Valley.
- ◆ Proposed a new staff improvement instrument and process for all staff.
- ◆ Designed contracts for all administrative personnel.
- ◆ Participated in a multitude of community service activities including retirement parties, Chamber of Commerce, middle school functions, etc.
- ◆ Authorized and lobbied successfully for legislative changes to programs/funding impacting regional vocational technical systems.
- ◆ Met with outside agents in the design of mutual funding ventures.
- ◆ Established linkage with the Center for Educational Leadership Technology.
- ◆ Made progress with the implementation of portfolio plans for future Valley Tech. students.
- ◆ Continued the analysis and improvement process initiated via the Technology Task Force.

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Met with local community representatives in resolving funding informational concerns.
- ◆ Developed a plan to address long term admission issues and an approved admissions plan.
- ◆ Awarded bids for expansion of principles of technology.
- ◆ Installed new computer hardware.
- ◆ Initiated Partnership Advancing the Learning of Math and Science training.
- ◆ Assisted staff in rectifying program of studies for various degree or certificate programs.
- ◆ Worked closely with the Business Manager in awarding cost effective FY95 transportation bids.
- ◆ Contributed to the content and fostered a new design for the 1994-95 student handbook.
- ◆ In concert with colleagues developed revised 1994-1995 school calendar.
- ◆ Reported on results of student vocational statewide competition.
- ◆ Addressed drilling and blasting concerns created by new sub-division located across from school.
- ◆ Promoted new marketing brochures of Blackstone Valley Tech.
- ◆ Made arrangements to install "Gateway to Excellence Blackstone Valley Tech" directional signs throughout the District.
- ◆ Hosted Early Retirement Incentive Workshop.
- ◆ Initiated ceiling tile replacement work and interior beautification projects.
- ◆ Assisted in organizing and prioritizing construction work which was subsequently completed on school facility over summer vacation.
- ◆ Initiated individual color coding of school wings.
- ◆ Conducted weekly administrative team planning sessions which defined, analyzed and solved complex issues.

Summarized Improvements (continued)

- ◆ Initiated several activities which link Valley Tech with the Blackstone Valley Historical Corridor.
- ◆ Investigated several externally funded grant projects.
- ◆ Monitored arrangements for the successful transfer of unused surplus equipment.
- ◆ Established a process for devising job descriptions and hiring some 20 positions.

Submitted respectfully,

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BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1995

GENERAL FUND (01)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	577,172.78
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property	18,704.56
Real Estate Tax	396,015.97
Motor Vehicle Tax	112,974.22
Tax Liens	1,266,578.00
Deferred Tax	8,137.69
Departmental	8,267.83

Total Assets	2,387,851.05
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accrued Payroll & Withholding	61,403.07
Provision for Abatements/Exemptions	329,864.67

Deferred Revenue

Property Tax	84,855.86
Tax Liens	1,266,578.00
Property Tax Deferrals	8,137.69
Motor Vehicle Excise	112,974.22
Departmental	8,267.83

Reserve Fund Balance

Petty Cash	220.00
Over/Under Assessments	1,014.00
For Encumbrances	46,207.34
Unreserved Fund Balance	468,328.37

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,387,851.05
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WATER FUND (20)

ASSETS

Cash	141,627.34
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RECEIVABLES

Water User Charges	20,261.93
Water Service Charges	(1,806.76)

Total Assets	160,082.51
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Deferred Revenue	18,455.17
Fund Balance Reserved	141,627.34

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	160,082.51
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SEWER FUND (21)

ASSETS

Cash	0.00
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RECEIVABLES

Sewer User Charges	23,649.57
Sewer Services	184.00
Sewer Betterment	579.03

Total Assets	24,412.60
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Deferred Revenue	24,412.60
Fund Balance Reserved	0.00

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	24,412.60
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SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING (22)

ASSETS

Cash-Restricted	38,435.91
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Total Assets	38,435.91
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	38,435.91
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	38,435.91
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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND (23)

ASSETS

Cash-Restricted	(1,638.00)
Total Assets	(1,638.00)

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance	
Due From Commonwealth	
Ch. 33 of Acts of 1991	(1,638.00)
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	(1,638.00)

SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANTS (FUND 24)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	50,256.10
Total Assets	50,256.10

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Title I	5,052.31
Title VI	3,239.14
Title IV - Project See	25,582.06
Chapter II Black Grant	3,474.72
Science For 90's	2,193.10
P.L. 89-313	2,482.20
Devel.Coop. Ed Strategies	6,139.14
Drug Free School Program	2,093.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	50,256.10

SCHOOL STATE GRANTS (FUND 25)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	13,881.07
Total Assets	13,881.07

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Horace Mann	664.00
School Improvement	733.20
Per Pupil Ed	3,729.21
Comprehensive Health Ed	993.42
Ed. Tech. Comp Planning	0.34
Common Core	3,140.00
Curriculum Frame Work	2,093.00
Early Child Dev. & Supp	2,527.90
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	13,881.07

TOWN STATE GRANTS (FUND 27)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	24,652.80
Total Assets	

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Council On Aging	32.56
Arts Lottery	5,439.40
Library Aid Grant	13,170.63
Dare Grant	5,010.21
Police/Gov. Highway Safety	1,000.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	24,652.80

REVOLVING FUNDS (28)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	264,702.37
Total Assets	264,702.37

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
School Music Fund	14,573.60
School Athletic Fund	4,561.08
Tuition Receipts	234,617.61
Police Forfeiture Fund	1,975.22
Tiffany Memorial Fund	1,202.87
Conservation Commission	4,039.87
Lost Book Reimb.	1,538.87
Park Recreation	1,643.25
Town Cemetery	550.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	264,702.37

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (FUND 29)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	21,391.98
Total Assets	21,391.98

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
D.A.R.E. Donations	2,581.08
Park Foundation Grant	8,103.93
Hopedale Birthday Comm.	1,496.23
Insurance Reimb.	812.94
Friends of Red Shop	715.00
Commission on Disabilities	500.00
Red Shop Preservation	2,136.91
Bill Francis Memorial Fund	2,774.17
Friends /Elementary School	573.48
Hopedale Foundation Grant/School	938.88
Marge Hattersley Memorial Fund	259.36
Police Building/Donations	500.00

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	21,391.98
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SCHOOL BUILDING FUND (33)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	41,297.17
Total Assets	41,297.17

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Bond Anticipation Note	3,375,000.00
Fund Balance Reserved	(3,333,702.83)
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	41,297.17

POLICE BUILDING FUND (36)

ASSETS

Cash - Restricted	55,482.40
Total Assets	55,482.40

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	55,482.40
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	55,482.40

NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (81)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	68,396.68
Total Assets	

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Daisy Dutcher	10,000.00
Park Dept. - Draper Park	1,754.32
Library Trust	56,270.92
Town Cemetery Trust	371.44
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	68,396.68

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (82)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	29,444.09
Total Assets	29,444.09

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Daisy Dutcher	6,643.00
Park Dept. - Draper Park	3,850.78
Library Trust	15,124.85
Town Cemetery Trust	340.46
Park Playground	3,485.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	29,444.09

STABILIZATION FUND (83)

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	500,388.23
Total Assets	500,388.23

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	500,388.23
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	500,388.23

AGENCY FUNDS (89)

ASSETS

Cash	(7,284.10)
Total Assets	(7,284.10)

LIABILITIES

Warrants & Accounts Payable	
Police Special Duty Detail	(8,732.04)
Planning Board	1,441.84
School Meals Tax	6.10
Total Liabilities	(7,284.10)

LONG TERM DEBT FUND (90)

AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED

Bonds Authorized	7,461,000.00
Bonds Authorized/Unissued	7,461,000.00
For Payment of Bonds	2,026,400.00

BONDS PAYABLE

Municipal Heating System	30,000.00
School Bus	35,000.00
Sewer Plant	1,277,400.00
Police Building	319,000.00
Fire Truck	250,000.00
Highway Equipment	115,000.00

Total Bonds Payable	2,026,400.00
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ACCT	NO NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
3300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL		40,000.00		20,374.16	60,374.16	
111 DEPT	TOWN COUNSEL		40,000.00		20,374.16	60,374.16	
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS		200.00			200.00	
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL		50.00				50.00
5343	COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS						
114 DEPT	TOWN MODERATOR		250.00			200.00	50.00
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS		2,700.00			2,700.00	
5343	COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS		2,200.00			2,257.94	57.94-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS		975.00			824.47	150.53
5725	MERIT SERVICE AWARDS		500.00				500.00
122 DEPT	SELECTMEN		6,375.00			5,782.41	592.59
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT		63,960.00		3,000.00-	57,669.80	3,290.20
5130	ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME						
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES						
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL		11,800.00			10,178.72	1,621.28
5341	COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE		4,500.00			3,973.82	526.18
5342	COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE		6,700.00			6,367.55	332.45
5420	OFFICE		4,300.00			3,444.89	855.11
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS		750.00			491.46	258.54
123 DEPT	MANAGER		92,010.00		3,000.00-	82,126.24	6,883.76
5343	COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS		1,500.00			127.00	1,373.00
5420	OFFICE		500.00			214.35	285.65
131 DEPT	FINANCE COMMITTEE		2,000.00			341.35	1,658.65
5780	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED		25,000.00		21,636.16-		3,363.84
132 DEPT	RESERVE FUND		25,000.00		21,636.16-		3,363.84
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT		30,754.00			30,753.84	.16
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL		3,200.00			2,871.16	328.84
5301	ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT		12,500.00			12,500.00	
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS		500.00			460.75	39.25
135 DEPT	ACCOUNTANT		46,954.00			46,585.75	368.25
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT		42,300.00			39,693.75	2,606.25
5130	ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME						
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		3,500.00			3,500.00	

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NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	750.00			295.00	455.00
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	12,200.00			3,905.00	8,295.00
5345		COMMUNICATIONS/DEEDS	300.00			150.75	149.25
5346		COMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTERS	3,400.00			3,400.00	
5349		MAP UPDATING	1,000.00			965.00	35.00
5420		OFFICE	1,575.00			1,557.20	17.80
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,000.00			1,150.13	150.13-
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT					
141 DEPT		ASSESSORS	66,025.00			54,616.83	11,408.17
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	29,725.00			29,724.76	.24
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	15,740.00			17,581.97	1,841.97-
5302		BANK SERVICE FEES				38.13	38.13-
5303		PAYROLL	10,000.00			9,600.00	400.00
5344		COMMUNICATIONS/TAX BILLS	2,100.00			891.50	1,208.50
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			327.20	172.80
5714		PETTY CASH	100.00				100.00
145 DEPT		TREASURER/COLLECTOR	58,165.00			58,163.56	1.44
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	15,000.00			14,999.92	.08
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	7,872.00		495.00	8,184.70	182.30
5341		COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE	430.00			550.05	70.05-
5420		OFFICE	500.00			584.32	84.32-
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	375.00			377.65	2.65-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	350.00			337.00	13.00
161 DEPT		CLERK	24,577.00		495.00	25,033.64	38.36
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	2,091.00		500.00	1,719.75	871.25
5144		POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	975.00		300.00	1,364.00	89.00-
5420		OFFICE	2,430.00		1,400.00	3,254.08	575.92
162 DEPT		ELECTIONS	5,496.00		2,200.00	6,337.83	1,358.17
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,302.00			804.51	497.49
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	434.00			434.00	
5712		IN STATE MEALS	50.00			50.00	
163 DEPT		REGISTRATION	1,786.00			1,288.51	497.49
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	300.00			245.29	54.71
166 DEPT		PARKING CLERK	300.00			245.29	54.71
5780		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	150.00			146.63	3.37

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NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
171 DEPT	CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		150.00			146.63	3.37
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS		500.00		2,500.00	780.60	2,219.40
5780	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED					66.25	66.25-
175 DEPT	PLANNING BOARD		500.00		2,500.00	846.85	2,153.15
5347	COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE		750.00		100.00	850.00	
176 DEPT	ZONING BOARD		750.00		100.00	850.00	
5380	OTHER SUPPLIES		5,000.00				5,000.00
189 DEPT	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP		5,000.00				5,000.00
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT		5,536.00		65.00	5,597.94	3.06
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES						
5211	ENERGY ELECTRIC		4,600.00			4,971.08	371.08-
5212	ENERGY HEAT FUEL		9,000.00		65.00-	8,306.59	628.41
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		7,900.00			7,671.15	228.85
5430	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		850.00			1,335.79	485.79-
192 DEPT	PUBLIC BLDG - TOWN HALL		27,886.00			27,882.55	3.45
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		403,224.00		1,033.00	370,821.60	33,435.40

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200 PUBLIC SAFETY

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	328,291.00		29,000.00-	296,534.78	2,756.22
5122		SALARIES & WAGES DISPATCH					
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	38,935.00			38,882.76	52.24
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,600.00			1,981.80	8,618.20
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	8,465.00			5,724.69	2,740.31
5490		VEHICULAR	15,385.00			14,705.36	679.64
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	13,635.00			13,198.67	436.33
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			91.87	408.13
5720		OUT-OF STATE-TRAVEL					
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	20,600.00		14,000.00	20,565.15	14,034.85
210 DEPT		POLICE	436,411.00		15,000.00-	391,685.08	29,725.92
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	151,334.00	7,000.00	927.00-	157,406.61	.39
5120		SALARIES & WAGES TEMPORARY	26,424.00		2,823.00-	23,600.37	.63
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	30,050.00		12,154.00	40,757.70	1,446.30
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	400.00			245.13	154.87
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,500.00			11,172.50	672.50-
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	3,500.00			3,204.46	295.54
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	3,000.00			2,461.87	538.13
5583		SCBA REPLACE/UPGRADE	3,000.00			3,736.54	736.54-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,516.00		200.00-	1,197.50	118.50
5820		BUILDING EXPENSES	23,351.00			23,047.76	303.24
5851		ALARM SERVICES	5,850.00		2,404.00-	2,127.78	1,318.22
5852		HYDRANT STAND BY					
5853		NEW EQUIPMENT	11,639.00			11,825.00	186.00-
220 DEPT		FIRE	270,564.00	7,000.00	5,800.00	280,783.22	2,580.78
5144		POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	5,000.00		500.00	4,927.50	572.50
225 DEPT		TOWN POLICE DETAIL	5,000.00		500.00	4,927.50	572.50
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	8,400.00			8,400.00	
5420		OFFICE	1,100.00			377.25	722.75
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			245.00	255.00
241 DEPT		BUILDING INSPECTOR	10,000.00			9,022.25	977.75
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500.00			739.50	760.50
243 DEPT		PLUMBING INSPECTOR	1,500.00			739.50	760.50
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,500.00			825.50	674.50
245 DEPT		ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	1,500.00			825.50	674.50

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

200 PUBLIC SAFETY

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5210		ENERGY	30.00				30.00
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	100.00			119.08	19.08-
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	65.00				65.00
5715		TRAINING	500.00			108.17	391.83
5790		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	50.00			382.55	332.55-
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	600.00			636.10	36.10-
291 DEPT		CIVIL DEFENSE	1,375.00			1,245.90	149.10
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	1,200.00			1,200.00	
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	1,050.00			744.11	305.89
5730		DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	100.00			36.00	64.00
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT					
292 DEPT		DOG OFFICER	2,350.00			1,980.11	369.89
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	600.00			600.00	
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	7,400.00			7,460.00	60.00-
5460		GROUNDKEEPING	900.00			900.00	
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	100.00			53.75	46.25
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	50.00			20.00	30.00
294 DEPT		FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	9,050.00			9,033.75	16.25
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	100.00			100.00	
295 DEPT		FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	100.00			100.00	
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	750.00			466.00	284.00
296 DEPT		FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	750.00			466.00	284.00
200		PUBLIC SAFETY	738,620.00	7,000.00	8,700.00-	700,808.81	36,111.19
300		EDUCATION	4,401,622.00		35,000.00	4,417,822.18	18,799.82

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

400 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	107,538.00		416.00-	107,122.00	
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400.00			1,400.00	
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	4,500.00		416.00	4,725.31	190.69
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	25,000.00		2,667.00	27,667.00	
5290		OTHER PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE	6,500.00			6,498.15	1.85
5292		TRAFFIC SIGNS	2,000.00			1,995.06	4.94
5300		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	2,700.00			2,704.94	4.94-
5460		GROUNDKEEPING					
5460		VEHICULAR	6,500.00			6,486.01	13.99
5535		CHARTER 90 TOWN FUNDS	5,000.00			4,996.85	3.15
5580		OTHER SUPPLIES	2,000.00			1,996.80	3.20
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/OWES/SEMINARS	700.00			699.26	.74
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	18,000.00	9,600.00	11,400.00	29,679.46	9,320.54
422 DEPT		HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENAN	181,838.00	9,600.00	14,067.00	195,970.84	9,534.16
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,000.00		3,890.00-	6,109.79	.21
5240		REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,000.00		562.00-	9,437.54	.46
5291		SNOW REMOVAL/CONTRACT SERVICE	8,000.00		6,455.00-	1,544.24	.76
5293		SAND & SALT	24,000.00		493.00-	23,452.62	54.38
423 DEPT		HIGHWAY/SNOW & ICE	52,000.00		11,400.00-	40,544.19	55.81
5210		ENERGY	37,200.00			34,705.35	2,494.65
424 DEPT		STREET LIGHTING	37,200.00			34,705.35	2,494.65
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	950.00			950.00	
5460		GROUNDKEEPING	1,200.00			1,125.61	74.39
471 DEPT		CEMETERY	2,150.00			2,075.61	74.39
400		PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	273,188.00	9,600.00	2,667.00	273,295.99	12,159.01

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500 HUMAN SERVICES

ACCT

NO NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	6,000.00			4,450.00	1,550.00
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	1,400.00			1,400.00	250.00
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	300.00				300.00
5193	TESTING OF POND/WELL WATER	250.00				250.00
5290	OTHER PROPERTY-RELATED SERVICE	215,000.00			209,132.58	5,867.42
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	1,000.00			1,500.00	500.00-
5341	COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE	500.00			372.89	127.11
5348	COMMUNICATIONS/PRINTING	300.00			536.70	236.70-
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	475.00			77.80	397.20
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	500.00			440.00	60.00
541 DEPT	HEALTH OFFICER	225,725.00			217,909.97	7,815.03
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	16,810.00			15,015.51	1,794.49
5210	ENERGY	600.00			470.66	129.34
5350	RECREATIONAL	2,342.00			2,698.00	356.00-
5390	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	5,455.00			4,929.30	525.70
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,593.00			1,936.30	343.30-
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	900.00			711.90	188.10
541 DEPT	COUNCIL ON AGING	27,700.00			25,761.67	1,938.33
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	2,445.00			2,384.16	60.84
5770	VETERANS' BENEFITS	13,000.00		6,000.00-	4,051.23	2,948.77
543 DEPT	VETERANS	15,445.00		6,000.00-	6,435.39	3,009.61
5347	COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICE	150.00				150.00
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	100.00				100.00
549 DEPT	COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	250.00				250.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES	269,120.00		6,000.00-	250,107.03	13,012.97

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

600 CULTURE AND RECREATION

ACCT

NO NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	64,267.00			64,011.81	255.19
5210	ENERGY	8,000.00			8,016.00	16.00-
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	6,500.00			6,500.00	
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	140.00			140.00	
5510	EDUCATIONAL	20,152.00			20,215.43	63.43-
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,700.00			1,700.00	
5850	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT		25,000.00		3,029.23	21,970.77
610 DEPT	LIBRARY	100,759.00	25,000.00		103,612.47	22,146.53
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	12,055.00			12,055.00	
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	800.00			800.00	
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	1,660.00			1,185.95	474.05
5192	WEED CONTROL	4,000.00			4,000.00	
5210	ENERGY	1,500.00			1,320.93	179.07
5240	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	4,000.00			3,064.76	935.24
5500	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,110.00			1,343.91	233.91-
5870	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	2,700.00			529.80	2,170.20
650 DEPT	PARKS	27,825.00			24,300.35	3,524.65
5211	ENERGY ELECTRIC	400.00				400.00
5420	OFFICE	1,000.00				1,000.00
5580	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,500.00		2,500.00-		
691 DEPT	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	3,900.00		2,500.00-		1,400.00
5350	RECREATIONAL	1,000.00			215.00	785.00
692 DEPT	MEMORIAL DAY	1,000.00			215.00	785.00
5780	OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED			2,500.00	716.94	1,783.06
693 DEPT	RED SHOP			2,500.00	716.94	1,783.06
5350	RECREATIONAL	2,261.00			2,261.00	
699 DEPT	COUNCIL ON ARTS	2,261.00			2,261.00	
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION	135,745.00	25,000.00		131,105.76	29,639.24

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

700 DEBT SERVICE

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5911		MUNICIPAL HEATING FACILITY PRINC	15,000.00			15,000.00	
5912		SCHOOL BUSES PRINCIPAL	17,500.00			17,500.00	
5913		FIRE PUMPER PRINCIPAL					
710 DEPT		RETIREMENT OF DEBT	32,500.00			32,500.00	
5916		MUNICIPAL HEATING FACILITY INT	2,250.00			2,250.00	
5917		SCHOOL BUSES INTEREST	3,063.00			3,062.50	.50
5918		FIRE PUMPER INTEREST					
751 DEPT		INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT	5,313.00			5,312.50	.50
5925		TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN	16,000.00		10,200.00	25,787.12	412.88
752 DEPT		INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT	16,000.00		10,200.00	25,787.12	412.88
700		DEBT SERVICE	53,813.00		10,200.00	83,599.62	413.38

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

900 INTERGOVERNMENTAL

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5631		SPECIAL EDUCATION	3,625.00				3,625.00
5634		MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE					
5639		MOSQUITO CONTROL	6,068.00			6,019.00	49.00
5640		POLLUTION CONTROL	1,070.00			1,070.00	
5646		PARKING SURCHARGE				2,660.00	2,660.00-
5647		DIESEL FUEL TAX	10,000.00			9,675.69	324.31
820 DEPT		STATE ASSESSMENTS	20,763.00			19,424.69	1,338.31
5621		COUNTY TAX	6,301.00			6,300.89	.11
5623		COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	163,364.00			153,886.00	9,478.00
5624		PRIOR YEARS ASSESSMENTS					
830 DEPT		COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	169,665.00			160,186.89	9,478.11
5730		DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	67,463.00	143.00		67,606.00	
845 DEPT		BLACKSTONE VLY REG. SCHOOL DIS	67,463.00	143.00		67,606.00	
5730		DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	942.60			942.60	
847 DEPT		CENTRAL MASS.REG.PANNING DIST	942.60			942.60	
5790		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	100,000.00		100,000.00-		
850 DEPT		STABILIZATION	100,000.00		100,000.00-		
900		INTERGOVERNMENTAL	358,833.60	143.00	100,000.00-	248,160.18	10,816.42

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
1 GENERAL FUND

900 MISCELLANEOUS

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5790		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED	15,000.00			14,349.12	650.88
911 DEPT		RETIREMENT	15,000.00			14,349.12	650.88
5170		FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPL	7,500.00		3,000.00	8,494.13	2,005.87
913 DEPT		UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	7,500.00		3,000.00	8,494.13	2,005.87
5170		FRINGE BENEFITS, ON BEHALF EMPL	32,000.00		7,500.00	39,425.02	74.98
914 DEPT		MEDICARE	32,000.00		7,500.00	39,425.02	74.98
5740		INSURANCE PREMIUMS	445,443.00		10,700.00-	431,803.88	2,939.12
915 DEPT		HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	445,443.00		10,700.00-	431,803.88	2,939.12
5741		MEDICARE EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS					
5742		REFUNDS REAL ESTATE					
5743		REFUNDS PERSONAL PROPERTY					
5744		REFUNDS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE					
5745		REFUNDS OTHER					
5746		EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION CTY RET.			104,597.66	92,264.51	22,373.28
5747		GROUP INS. EMPLOYEE'S			142,465.60	145,927.88	23,352.22
5748		GROUP INS. RETIRED					
5749		PREPAID VACATIONS					
5750		DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEE					
5752		DEFERRED COMPENSATION			27,145.14	24,708.34	5,806.91
916 DEPT		REFUNDS			274,208.40	262,900.53	51,532.41
5740		INSURANCE PREMIUMS	80,000.00			77,238.03	2,761.97
945 DEPT		LIABILITY INSURANCE	80,000.00			77,238.03	2,761.97
5780		OTHERWISE UNCLASSIFIED		28,366.49		28,366.49	
948 DEPT		PRIOR YEAR BILLS		28,366.49		28,366.49	
900		MISCELLANEOUS	579,943.00	28,366.49	274,008.40	862,577.20	59,965.23
1		GENERAL FUND	7,214,108.60	70,109.49	208,208.40	7,318,298.37	214,352.66

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
20 WATER

ACCT

NO NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110	SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	90,027.00			79,426.74	800.26
5111	SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700.00			700.00	
5130	ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	11,400.00			10,859.38	540.62
5190	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	15,000.00			8,993.40	6,006.60
5194	GENERAL OFFICE	3,075.00		3,075.00-		
5210	ENERGY	26,010.00			24,981.05	1,028.95
5300	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	7,000.00			5,466.60	1,533.40
5313	TESTING/REGULATIONS	9,000.00			6,866.74	2,133.26
5342	COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE	1,500.00			1,500.00	
5380	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,000.00			955.80	44.20
5411	ENERGY/WATER	55,000.00			64,262.48	9,262.48-
5412	ENERGY/CHEMICALS	17,500.00			10,622.56	6,877.44
5430	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	22,500.00			17,327.78	5,172.22
5480	VEHICULAR	3,000.00			2,152.72	847.28
5711	IN STATE TRAVEL/OWES/SEMINARS	1,500.00			1,253.43	246.57
5740	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	20,000.00		8,812.04-		11,187.96
5830	PLANT	10,000.00			17,008.53	7,008.53-
5852	HYDRANT STAND BY	9,310.00			9,316.32	6.32-
5870	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT					
5890	CAPITAL PROJECTS		115,000.00		61,623.16	53,376.84
450 DEPT	WATER	293,522.00	115,000.00	11,887.04-	323,316.69	73,318.27
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	293,522.00	115,000.00	11,887.04-	323,316.69	73,318.27
20	WATER	293,522.00	115,000.00	11,887.04-	323,316.69	73,318.27

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT
TOWN OF HOPEDALE
21 SEWER

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5110		SALARIES & WAGES PERMANENT	01,286.00			80,475.18	810.82
5111		SALARIES ELECTED OFFICIALS	700.00			700.00	
5130		ADDITIONAL GROSS, OVERTIME	10,200.00			9,382.51	817.49
5190		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES	24,000.00			21,432.51	2,567.49
5194		GENERAL OFFICE					
5210		ENERGY	53,000.00			43,228.74	9,771.26
5300		PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL	5,000.00			4,543.31	456.69
5342		COMMUNICATIONS/POSTAGE	1,500.00			1,500.00	
5390		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	1,500.00			1,718.64	218.64-
5383		COMPOSTING	60,000.00			64,324.00	4,324.00-
5412		ENERGY/CHEMICALS	23,000.00			15,065.91	7,734.09
5430		BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	23,000.00			24,074.78	1,074.78-
5490		VEHICULAR	5,000.00			4,602.06	397.94
5581		MILFORD CONNECTIONS					
5711		IN STATE TRAVEL/DUES/SEMINARS	1,000.00			977.41	22.59
5740		INSURANCE PREMIUMS					
5850		ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	12,000.00			13,544.00	1,544.00-
5890		CAPITAL PROJECTS	24,574.00				24,574.00
440 DEPT		SEWER	325,760.00			285,569.05	40,190.95
400		PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	325,760.00			285,569.05	40,190.95

APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

21 SEWER

700 DEBT SERVICE

ACCT

NO	NAME	TITLE	ORIGINAL	SUPPLEMENTAL	TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
5914		SEWER BOND INTEREST	66,152.00			66,151.24	.76
5919		SEWER BOND PRINCIPAL	45,625.00			45,625.00	
710 DEPT		RETIREMENT OF DEBT	111,777.00			111,776.24	.76
700		DEBT SERVICE	111,777.00			111,776.24	.76
21		SEWER	437,537.00			397,345.29	40,191.71

Report of the Tax Collector

FY95

Balances as of 6/30/95

Personal Property Taxes

Fiscal 1991	82.64	
Fiscal 1992	713.01	
Fiscal 1993	3608.80	
Fiscal 1994	6112.43	
Fiscal 1995	<u>8187.68</u>	<u>\$ 18,704.56</u>

Real Estate Taxes

Prior Years	3260.42	
Fiscal 1991	4462.44	
Fiscal 1992	1505.28	
Fiscal 1993	5911.16	
Fiscal 1994	36226.58	
Fiscal 1995	<u>344650.09</u>	<u>\$ 396,015.97</u>

Tax Title Accounts \$1,266,578.00

Motor Vehicle Excise

Prior Years	37816.09	
1991	2656.39	
1992	3427.79	
1993	10927.92	
1994	29050.35	
1995	<u>29095.68</u>	<u>\$ 112,974.22</u>

Report of the Town Treasurer

Fiscal 1995

Stabilization Fund

Balance 7/01/94		\$417,808.06
Transfers In 5/4/94 ATM	+	100,000.00
Transfer Out 4/11/95 STM (Van)	-	35,000.00
Interest Earned	+	<u>17,580.17</u>
Balance 6/30/95		<u>\$500,388.23</u>

Trust Funds

	Interest Income
Daisy Dutcher Part Trust	721.28
Library Trust	3410.55
Park Trust	87.60
Cemetery	<u>18.16</u>
Total Trust Fund Interest	<u>\$ 4237.59</u>

Treasurer's Interest on General Fund Accounts

Bay Bank	17615.37
Fleet Bank	11450.36
Quincy Savings Bank	636.83
State Street Bank	<u>7863.99</u>
Total General Fund Interest	<u>\$37,566.55</u>

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Years Remaining	Original Amount	Outstanding 07/01/94	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Outstanding 06/30/95
Farmer's Home Admin. Municipal Heating	2	300,000	45,000	15,000	2,250	30,000
Fleet Bank of Mass School Buses	2	88,000	52,500	17,500	3,063	35,000
Farmer's Home Admin. Sewer Bond #92-03	28	1,000,000	725,000	25,000	36,250	700,000
Sewer Bond #92-05	28	824,900	598,025	20,625	29,901	577,400
Bay Bank Police Building	5	319,000	0	0	0	319,000
State Street Bank Highway Trucks	5	115,000	0	0	0	115,000
Bay Bank Fire Trucks	4	250,000	0	0	0	250,000
			Total Outstanding Long Term Debt:			2,026,400
SHORT TERM DEBT			RATE		Amount of BAN*	
School Building Project Issues						
Bay Bank Due 11/15/95		4.64%		600,000		
Bay Bank Due 11/15/95		4.82%		900,000		
Bay Bank Due 11/15/95		4.28%		900,000		
Bay Bank Due 11/15/95		4.00%		975,000		
			Total Outstanding Short Term Debt:		3,375,000	

*BAN = Bond Anticipation Notes, temporary borrowing performed prior to long term debt issues.

EMPLOYER'S REPORT OF WAGES PAID FOR 1994

Abbruzzese, Angela T.	2,031.71
Abbruzzese, Maria K.	442.00
Alagna, Jacqueline	2,222.54
Alberto, Lisa M.	1,100.00
Alberto, Lisa M.	4,383.80
Alexander, Mark A.	2,006.00
Alger, Karlene A.	14,117.85
Andreotti, Joanne	23,450.75
Andrews, Carol A.	10,165.86
Ansart, Mark J.	500.00
Antolini, Gina A.	7,071.21
Antosca, Deborah A.	12,457.80
Apicella, Susan	26,406.97
Arbuckle, Priscilla S.	470.00
Ares, Donna M.	26,341.56
Arsenault, Susan M.	7,756.00
Ashworth, Linda G.	3,556.61
Atchue, Sally J.	21,159.92
Bacon, Jerilyn L.	17,934.13
Bacon, John J.	104.75
Balanca, John M.	637.50
Balkus, Rita B.	22,393.44
Balog, Christine	3,434.89
Barclay, Bruce	49,687.14
Barry, Paul	100.00
Barry, Paul	35,234.03
Bartlett, Christine R.	97.95
Bartlett, Christine F.	13,806.50
Bassignani, Stephen	250.00
Beckvold, Keith E.	531.38
Bega, Scott R.	29,630.80
Berry, Vickie	3,295.10
Best, Victor G.	36,729.18
Best, Victor G.	5,450.00
Betancourt, David	2,742.00
Betancourt, David A.	28,402.42
Binney, Kathy E.	7,113.85
Blais, Kathleen A.	31,375.64
Blatz, Paul	32,600.48
Bliss, David B.	40,929.16
Bliss, David B.	294.50
Bliss, David B.	204.00
Boldy, Todd E.	2,487.50
Boldy, Todd E.	10,546.44
Boyle, Geoffrey	1,957.00
Bresciani, Gemma M.	46.69
Bresciani, Paul	1,141.00
Bucchino, Mark P	752.71
Burberry, Jacqueline	13,279.52

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Burke, Christine H.	134.00
Butler, Denise A.	522.50
Butler, M. Kelley	23,095.49
Cahill, Barry R.	60,725.08
Canali, Paul F.	799.80
Candini, Marian E.	40,105.14
Carbone, Robert A.	1,300.00
Carboni, Cheryl	41,053.44
Carboni, Janet	13,830.60
Carchio, David R.	1,724.01
Carlson, June S.	915.57
Carnaroli, Albert P.	485.00
Carnaroli, David P.	489.55
Carnaroli, David P.	2,987.27
Carron, Mark A.	39,230.04
Carron, Mark A.	100.00
Chaisson, Michael F.	2,500.00
Chambers, Tara C.	2,406.31
Chapman, Susan I.	11,549.94
Clare, Nancy J.	650.00
Colantoni, Jean L.	445.91
Colcord, Patricia M.	2,869.35
Colcord, Robert L.	185.00
Collette, Coleen	41,393.42
Collins, Christine H.	29,362.32
Collins, Nancy A.	29,540.24
Collins, Nancy A.	1,957.00
Comforti, Patricia	1,140.00
Comforti, Patricia F.	10,881.16
Conlin, Pamela	40,946.93
Connors, Timothy	23,852.51
Connors, Timothy	300.00
Cooper, Donald L.	279.69
Cooper, Donald L.	30,569.26
Cooper, Donald L.	1,564.00
Cornell, Lucille M.	9,737.78
Costanza, Eugene P.	45,270.68
Costanza, Eugene	237.50
Costanza, Louis J.	225.00
Cowen, Janice L.	7,454.14
Cowen, John	32,447.76
Cowles, Marie S.	990.25
Creighton, Alice	45,453.83
Crum, Laura	385.00
Cullen, Suzan	37,425.79
Curley, James P.	860.86
Curley, James P.	1,962.50
Curley, Michael J.	1,414.51
Cyr, Jennifer J.	240.00
D'Urso, Deirdre J.	36,694.72

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D'Urso, Thomas R.	3,309.00
D'Urso, Thomas R.	40,453.35
DaFonte, Maria G.	60.00
Daige, Richard	2,080.00
Daige, Thomas A.	36,921.06
Daige, Thomas A.	2,804.25
Daige, Thomas A.	613.00
Daige, Thomas Jr.	1,662.69
Daudelin, Cheryl A.	5,546.79
DeGeorge, Jane	15,687.76
Dec, Charlotte	25,650.00
Dec, Theodore C.	20,209.75
Delannoy, Denise M.	24,036.21
DeLuca, Janet	42,793.51
Dennet, Viola	6,031.68
DePonte, Robert S.	37,206.27
DePonte, Robert S.	70.88
DePonte, Robert S.	40.50
Derderian, Crisandra A.	320.75
DiLiddo, Kellie A.	201.24
DiLiddo, Kellie A.	600.00
Dillon, Jr., John J.	450.00
DiPietropolo, John E.	968.00
DiPietropolo, John T.	2,147.45
DiPietro, Marc A.	110.00
Donovan, Barbara L.	353.25
Dorr, Frances L.	14,416.15
Draper, Mary L.	15,000.00
Draper, Mary L.	844.75
Drisko, Joan	14,789.58
Drugan, Joseph P.	89.44
Drugan, Joseph P.	1,512.50
Dunham, Christine Marie	26,918.91
Dunn, Suzanne G.W.	9,599.94
Durgin, David M.	42,301.86
Dutra, Joanne F.	16,604.64
Edwards, Virginia M.	6,052.68
Ekwall, Merideth L.	791.00
Ela, Lucille E.	32,305.85
Ela, Lucille	2,157.63
Englund, Ann D.	327.90
Erickson, Todd R.	700.38
Espanet, Melissa M.	23,093.76
Evers, Wendy J.	538.05
Fairbanks, Margaret A.	5,040.91
Fairbanks, Margaret	30,321.42
Farrar, Jr., John E.	450.00
Farrar, Jr., John E.	383.83
Farrer, Andrew B.	268.03
Farrer, Christopher M.	831.76

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Farrer, Sandra L.	13,795.56
Fegan, Lawrence E.	791.73
Fielder, Janice	41,336.93
Fielder, Janice	1,303.00
Flaherty, Nanci M.	2,503.97
Forsher, Laura E.	30.00
Fox, Beth Barbara	39,079.01
Fraga, Louis	48,108.43
Francis, Eileen C.	85.00
Gaffney, Charles F.	31,647.23
Gaffney, Christopher K.	38,423.10
Gagnon, John P.	25,586.40
Gagnon, John P.	2,350.00
Gagnon, Robert S.	531.38
Garabedian, Kathleen	30,378.92
Gardner, James M.	37,174.56
Gardner, James M.	3,675.00
Gately, Dorothy P.	42,618.45
Gautreau, Ronald P.	36,694.72
Geary, John J.	481.39
Geary, John J.	1,200.00
Gilbertson, Linda	27,340.09
Gilbertson, Jr., Robert E.	6,535.66
Giovanella, Mark A.	4,300.00
Giovanella, Mark A.	11,121.29
Godbout, Shirley	48,331.72
Gorman, Deborah K.	28,980.46
Gorman, Deborah K.	1,564.00
Grady, Alison M.	2,206.27
Greene, Ann	40,934.37
Greene, Ann L.	1,957.00
Griffin, Jean A.	434.00
Gross, Linda	63,299.66
Guertin, Patricia	9,055.60
Guertin, Patricia	500.00
Gunduz, Savas P.	3,167.19
Hallion, Andrea M.	64,600.51
Hammond, Robert A.	42.00
Hanam, Francis X.	1,155.00
Hanam, June E.	31,469.39
Hattersley, Marjorie	3,551.10
Hayes, Donald	76,279.19
Hayes, Donald	4,740.49
Herdman, Louise D.	2,973.18
Heron, Lawrence	48,687.14
Hester, Charles E.	4,072.65
Hester, Charles E.	400.00
Hill, Craig E.	2,414.88
Hill, Craig E.	1,100.00
Hobbs, Doreen E.	33,305.70

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Hoberg, Joyce M.	525.00
Hoberg, Richard	8,874.66
Hoffman, Carol	25,694.13
Hontz, Cheryle A.	651.35
Houriham, Jr., John T.	1,336.00
Howard, Mary E.	11,875.00
Izzo, Leonard A.	3,200.00
Jacaruso, Janet O.	101.10
Jacaruso, Janet O.	6,833.20
Jarvis, Jacquelyn	575.75
Johnson, Dianne M.	15,418.00
Johnson, John	292.00
Johnson, Kelley B.	2,307.66
Johnson, Nancy A.	12,686.94
Jones, Michael F.	794.64
Julian, Cathy E.	946.38
Keefe, Brenda J.	1,642.84
Kehoe, Michael D.	2,286.31
Kehoe, Michael D.	818.75
Kelley, Jr., Henry	45,316.28
Kenter-Potty, Karen A.	21,483.41
Keough, Karen G.	11,809.85
Kita, Deborah E.	34,125.81
Kleya, Jacquelyn	42,579.15
Klocek, Donald	44,509.62
Klocek, Donald	3,139.00
Kosciak, Deborah M.	1,514.33
Kowalczyk, Suzanne M.	748.00
Kraimer, Elaine M.	7,279.98
Kut, Joyce	7,036.48
Kutzer, Joyce D.	1,095.50
L'Etalien, Adrien J.	805.06
Lachina, Alberta	44,916.28
Lamphere, Donna	11,494.83
Lamphere, Donna	12,364.58
Laquidara, Susan	290.21
Lauzon, James M.	3,160.36
Lavelle, Ann R.	2,040.00
Lavender, Teresa J.	756.00
LeClaire, Jane M.	2,754.50
Lemon, Sandra	12,205.31
Lessard, Carol E.	8,689.56
Lewis, Gloria	11,035.59
Lewis, Ronald	40,636.93
Lewis, Ronald P.	900.00
Longobardi, Judith	24,961.56
Longobardi, Kelly E.	805.08
Lopes, Elizabeth F.	60.00
Lucier, Virginia	843.20
Lynch-Classon, Tracey M.	30,036.13

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MacDonald, Barbara A.	12,566.41
MacDonald, Jr., Paul A.	493.45
MacDonald, Paul W.	27,513.33
MacLean, James S.	531.38
MacLean, Janet L.	7,108.55
Maeder, Bruce P.	1,129.65
Maffei, Amanda A.	7,177.50
Main, Brian H.	5,000.00
Mallard, Georgianna	6,416.86
Malloy, Elaine F.	25,451.27
Malloy, Thomas F.	8,317.44
Malnati, Colleen A.	1,405.88
Malnati, Robert M.	1,211.41
Maloney, Nancy	1,303.00
Manczurowsky, Dorothy M.	32.50
Mank, Richard P.	3,987.50
Mank, Richard P.	39,318.62
Marcello, Anthony H.	5,010.00
Marcello, Anthony H.	12,741.00
Marcotte, Barbara A.	20,462.25
Martinelli, Gail A.	55.00
Mastroianni, A. J.	2,355.06
Mattie, Anne L.	12,596.34
McCallum, James R.	2,214.00
McCarthy-Donovan, Mary E.	165.00
McGovern, Daniel J.	450.00
McGrath, Donna	40,893.42
McGrath, Megan	197.50
Mei, Robert	2,688.00
Melenkevitch, Rory	2,515.89
Melle, Barbara L.	2,045.00
Metcalf, II, William S.	531.38
Miner, Deirdre J.	500.00
Minichielli, Wayne J.	500.00
Minichielli, Wayne J.	34,086.62
Mitchell, Peter B.	492.60
Mooradian, Marilyn	40,136.93
Mooradian, Marilyn	1,336.00
Moore, Michelle K.	362.50
Morgan, Lynne	41,324.00
Morgan, Lynne K.	1,564.00
Morris, Pauline	26,630.31
Morris, Sandra L.	331.15
Morrissey, Kathleen F.	8,294.08
Muise, Penny J.	467.50
Mullaney, Dorothy M.	2,272.50
Mulready, Susan A.	35,100.01
Murphy, Harold V.	1,305.28
Murray, David M.	542.07
Murray, Russell J.	11,106.00

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Naughton, Rosemary	100.00
Naughton, Rosemary	1,022.97
Neuding, Jan M.	22,416.78
Neuding, Jan	1,303.00
Nicholson, Daniel	48,687.14
Nicholson, Daniel	2,937.00
Nolan, Norman F.	510.00
Noyes, Merwin L.	465.00
Noyes, Merwin L.	259.82
Noyes, Merwin L.	21,615.82
O'Regan, Judith M.	16.00
Ogilvie, Marilee O.	891.40
Pacheco, Lori A.	1,564.00
Pacheco, Lori	37,012.62
Pacheco, Steven E.	1,140.00
Packard, Lee	47,936.78
Packard, Lee E.	2,264.00
Page, Janet R.	21,971.31
Palumbo, Linda R.	11,849.34
Pannichelli, Jay N.	90.40
Pannichelli, Joan	9,248.98
Pantano, Beth A.	2,574.08
Pardee, Bridget L.	4,752.45
Parker, Deborah A.	33,708.02
Pastorini, Bruce B.	716.00
Patton, Lynne A.	1,460.52
Paul, Debora	1,303.00
Paul, Debora A.	24,130.21
Pendleton, David L.	1,145.18
Perry, George L.	14,535.00
Phillips, Brenda L.	1,552.17
Phillips, Linda J.	41,893.42
Pigeon, Lisa Marie	7,777.72
Potty, Eli	34,047.05
Potty, Eli J.	5,466.92
Potty, Eli	189.27
Potty, Eli	2,348.00
Rapp, Pamela F.	34,853.02
Renda, Joseph J.	47,186.02
Rich, William	47,150.79
Russell, Jeanne A.	720.00
Salvucci, Cathy A.	426.78
Santacroce, Ronald	45,515.61
Sawyer, David H.	600.00
Scano, Alice M.	40,936.57
Shimkus, Albert	911.50
Shindle, Lori P.	546.20
Skorupa, Candace C.	26,222.55
Small, Joseph J.	1,957.00
Smith, Nicole Ann	8,023.41

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Smith, Pamela J.	33,288.64
Sparks, David	823.60
Sparling, Jr., Alfred H.	882.00
Speicher, Ann Marie	7,800.00
Spence, Patti J.	14,858.86
Spinazola, Jr., Joseph	47,926.43
Spindola, Kenneth J.	806.24
Stanias, Dorothy L.	4,134.75
Stare, Josephine	8,289.13
Stock, Adele	48,331.72
Stock, Bernard	200.00
Svitila, Christine K.	1,456.04
Sweet, Steven	1,937.50
Sweet, Steven J.	26,698.95
Tanguay, Ronda L.	27,278.29
Tarella, Kathleen M.	5,046.35
Tattersall, Elizabeth A.	12,286.18
Tessier, Maria R.	760.00
Tetreault, Eileen M.	26,878.29
Tetreault, Walter	411.68
Thompson, Joann	2,158.68
Thompson, Ruth	41,386.93
Tweed, James F.	510.00
Vaillancourt, Nancy E.	457.50
Verdolino, Nancy Kelly	21,727.42
Volpe, Richard L.	1,100.00
Wagman, Jaime	272.00
Wagman, Janet	26,217.20
Wagman, Janet	2,157.63
Wajda, Ann M.	6,566.44
Walker, Jacqueline A.	28,873.29
Wasnewski, Andrea M.	7,737.59
Watkins, Robert G.	450.00
Watson, Timothy J.	30,370.71
Watson, Timothy J.	453.79
Watson, Timothy J.	389.86
Watson, Timothy J.	95.45
Watson, Timothy J.	2,600.00
Wheatley, C. Dorothy	47,021.43
Whitten, III, Francis	44,209.55
Whitten, Francis	6,742.00
Williams, Laura D.	1,895.96
Wodin, Laurie S.	22,630.65
Wood, Robert	52,811.72
Woolhiser, James	15,114.46
Woolhiser, James	11,300.00
Zuromski, Steven L.	105.52
	4,975,392.50

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September 29, 1994

Ms. Kathleen Garabedian
Town Accountant
P.O. Box 7
Hopedale, MA 01747

Dear Kathy:

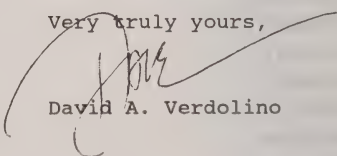
Thank you for your prompt response to our Management Report draft. Enclosed are the final copies of that Report. It is gratifying to know that our 1994 Management Report will be presented on a more timely basis.

Having spoken with Kathy Reed of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, I learned that the Town will have positive certified free cash. This is a noteworthy achievement for which your efforts, as well as those of Chris, Christine and the Selectmen, toward addressing several significant problems over the last few years deserve high praise. Please pass along my congratulations and the pride I feel toward my firm's client to Chairman DiPietropolo.

We are looking forward to wrapping up the remainder of the 1994 audit and in that regard should be seeing you in the very near future.

Best wishes!

Very truly yours,



David A. Verdolino

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Management Report

June 30, 1994

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April 24, 1995

To the Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Hopedale:

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, for the year ended June 30, 1994, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

As described in more detail herein, the Town did not perform reconciliations of its cash and major tax receivable accounts on a timely basis throughout the year and as of June 30, 1994. As a result, variances exist between related balances per the Town's general ledger and supporting detail maintained by the Town Treasurer/Collector as of that date. Those differences were not considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Town management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. However, we do not believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

In addition, this report discusses other observations not considered to be material weaknesses, and our related recommendations which, if implemented would serve to strengthen the Town's internal control structure. We have also included comments and suggestions with respect to other matters as part of the ongoing process of improving financial and administrative management, policies and procedures.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Hopedale, the United States Department of Education and other associated federal organizations. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Yardum & Lowry, P.C.

Introduction

This Introduction serves to formally call the Town's attention to recent rule changes by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which may impact future financial disclosure practices for all government debt issuers. Changes to SEC's Rule 15c2-12 (the Rule) concerning securities industry disclosures take effect on July 3, 1995 for most large new issues, and on January 1, 1996 for most other issues. This communication is not intended to predict the full effect of the Rule's implementation. On the contrary, the exact details of how changes to the Rule will impact cities and towns remains the subject of speculation by all players in the municipal finance industry.

In connection with its Rule change, the SEC issued an Interpretive Release which reflects its views regarding responsibilities under securities laws. Generally, it is the underwriters of municipal securities, and not the municipalities themselves, who fall under the jurisdiction of SEC regulations. However, cities and towns will be indirectly subjected to those regulations under the Rule, since underwriters will be prohibited from dealing in securities of noncomplying government entities.

We encourage Town officials to obtain additional information on this important subject. Suggested sources of such information include:

Division of Local Services, (DLS) Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Under the Rule, related financial disclosure information must be provided on a timely basis to a designated information repository. DLS is involved in negotiations which will likely result in their designation as such. Accordingly, DLS officials are among those in Massachusetts at the cutting edge of this issue's pending manifestation.

Your Financial Advisor. Financial Advisors are the link between government debt issuers and the underwriters and/or ultimate purchasers of those securities. They, too, have a vested interest in being current on practical developments of the Rule's implementation and can convey that information to their client cities and towns as they happen. We strongly urge continuous communication between appropriate Town officials and your Financial Advisor.

Professional Organizations, and other associations in which Town officials hold membership, are resources for sharing practical information. Obviously, counterparts in other cities and towns through networking opportunities can be additionally useful.

Verdolino & Lowey, CPA's, the Town's independent auditors. David Verdolino is past Chairman of the Massachusetts Society of CPA's Government Accounting and Auditing Committee, one of the leading professional organizations in the municipal finance industry in the Commonwealth. The Committee, made up of industry CPA's, communicates with the key members of virtually all elements of the government finance industry, and has received continuous professional updates on the SEC Rule. Verdolino & Lowey would be pleased to participate in, or even put together, an informative session to discuss this most important, current topic with Town officials.

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As always, we would be pleased to assist the Town in developing procedures to implement our recommendations which follow. We greatly appreciate the courtesies and cooperation extended to us by Town officials and employees during the conduct of our work.

Periodic Reconciliation of Account Balances

Similar to the condition on which we commented in last year's report, bank balances per the Town Treasurer/Collector were not reconciled to related general ledger accounts during the year. Likewise, activities in the Town's main general ledger receivable accounts (i.e., real and personal property taxes, excises, etc.) were not reconciled to detail trial balances (listings of outstanding accounts) on a timely basis during the year. As a result, variances exist between the general ledger, maintained by the accounting department, and the Town Treasurer/Collector's supporting detail as to various cash and tax receivable balances during the fiscal year and as of June 30, 1994. Those variances were not considered material in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The primary purposes of the reconciliation process as they relate to internal controls over accounting for cash and receivables are (1) a "last chance" check to ensure that financial statements assets are supported by underlying depository accounts and detailed listings maintained separately, and (2) to provide a means of identifying recurring differences in the manner transactions are processed by the various finance department functions. This latter point is the key to ultimately strengthening other areas of internal controls over processing of data.

Performing a monthly reconciliation of cash and all receivables, and doing so on a timely basis will: (1) ensure maximum reliability of recorded balances (2) likely minimize the need for accounting adjustments; and, (3) identify recurring problems in processing so that future discrepancies will not occur in the first place. We believe that employing a monthly reconciliation procedure would require less human resources in the long run, because of the foregoing results.

We have provided assistance to the Town toward resolving obstacles in the reconciliation process. As a summary, we reiterate our recommendations as follows:

- The Treasurer/Collector should reconcile cash to related depository banks immediately upon receipt of monthly statements.
- The Treasurer/Collector should also certify, as of each month's end, summaries of individual collectible balances of taxes and other receivables, grouped by type and year of levy.
- The Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant should meet as shortly following the month-end date as is practicable, to reconcile cash and receivable account balances based on the foregoing information and activity posted in the general ledger.
- Variances which cannot be investigated and their nature determined should be written off the Town's general ledger (or supporting records, if appropriate).
- Full reports of all of the foregoing activities should be furnished to the Town Coordinator and Board of Selectmen. In time, such reports should become part of a normal routine and result in relatively insignificant adjustments.

Control Over Processing Cash Receipts

We observed a number of instances in our testing of cash receipts where individual transactions were not included in batch totals. Batch totals are used as a control technique to help ensure the accuracy and completeness of processed data. We recommend that cash receipts processing, particularly when dealing with high volume, small individually-valued transactions such as tax collections, be performed in batches, with appropriate reconciling controls.

In addition, we observed that receipts are not prepared to document in-person payments by taxpayers. We recommend that the Town require that a system of prenumbered receipts be utilized to further enhance controls, and reduce the potential for irregularities, relating to cash collections.

Controls Over Processing Payables

When processing vendor invoices for payment, the accounting department performs a review of clerical accuracy and other terms associated with those invoices. During our testing, we were unable to determine that this review consistently takes place because no indication is made of the performance of such procedures on filed copies of invoices. Note that we satisfied ourselves, for all invoices that we tested, that no improper disbursements were made.

We also observed instances where schedules of bills payable (warrants for payment of selected accounts payable disbursements) were not signed as authorized by related department heads. As a result of such omissions, unauthorized disbursements could occur, although we observed in the cases cited above that related payments were appropriate.

Failure to require documentation of control techniques such as the review of invoices subjects the Town to the risk that those techniques may not consistently be performed. We therefore recommend that accounting department personnel document (e.g., via a stamp, initialled work, or some other means) the performance of their procedures which are part of the Town's internal control structure. We also recommend that the Town Accountant disallow processing of warrants payable which have not been appropriately authorized.

Accounting for Water and Sewer
Department Activities

The fiscal year 1994 financial statements reflect the recharacterization of water and sewer department activities as part of the General Fund. Previously, those activities were accounted for in the Special Revenue Fund.

Water and sewer department budgets are adopted at Town Meeting, and related appropriations are funded via the net tax levy; both are characteristic of General Fund operating departments. In order to qualify for treatment as offset receipts (Special Revenue) or Enterprise Funds, a related authorizing vote of Town Meeting must take place.

We recommend that the Town consider alternative accounting treatment of its water and sewer department activities, and present resulting recommendations to Town Meeting as appropriate. As always, we urge that the operations of these and all quasi-commercial Town functions be supported by user fees which recover all costs associated with the related services.

Employee Medicare Withholding

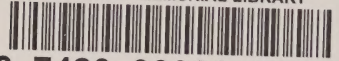
We observed several instances where Medicare tax was not withheld in accordance with federal law. In addition, we observed that Social Security (FICA) taxes were not withheld from certain employees of the Park Department.

Failure to withhold appropriate amounts of employee payroll taxes subjects the Town to the obligation for a disproportionate share of the statutory liability for such taxes. We recommend that the Town ensure that the proper amounts are withheld from all employees, in accordance with income tax regulations and with individual employees' withholding allowance certificates.

Reconciliation of Payroll Bank Account

Efforts to reconcile the Town's payroll bank account were hindered by the manual environment in which it was performed. Payroll bank account ordinarily should show a zero bank balance, as it is funded only to the extent of pending payroll disbursements. As a result, outstanding checks constitute the most common reconciling items. We recommend that the Treasurer/Collector utilize automated systems, and include consideration of bank-performed reconciliation services, to facilitate verification of the payroll bank account.

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